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First Annual Session

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Blue Ridge Association

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Original Free Will Baptists

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NORTH CAROLINA

Held At The Marion First Church

AT MARION, NORTH CAROLINA

August 26, 27, 28, 1954

The next session of the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists will be held at Cragmont, beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1955, at 10:00 a. m.

Rev. Wayne Smith, Moderator ---- Address: 109 Spring Rd., Durham, N. C.
Rev. E. O. Connelly, Asst. Moderator ---------- R-1, Forest City, N. C.
Mrs. R. H. Reese, Clerk ---------- 27 Hollywood St., Asheville, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

Commencing on Thursday, August 26, 1954 at 10:00 a. m. Opening song, "Heavenly Sunlight." Devotions: "United With Him," by the Rev. Ralph Mumpower; Scripture reading: St. John, 15th chapter.

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Wayne Smith ---------- 109 Spring Road, Durham, N. C.
Asst. Moderator, Rev. E. O. Connelly ---------- Route 1, Forest Ctiy, N. C.
Clerk, Mrs. R. H. Reese ---------- 27 Hollywood St., Asheville, N. C.
Historian, Rev. Milton Hollifield ---------- Box 1045, Canton, N. C.
Treasurer, Mrs. Bynum Lance ---------- Box 6036, West Asheville, N. C.
Field Superintendent, Rev. Ralph Mumpower ---------- Swannanoa, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. John E. Floyd ---------- Marion, N. C.
Rev. Carl Roland ---------- Clinchfield Station, Marion, N. C.
Rev. R. H. Reese ---------- 27 Hollywood St., Asheville, N. C.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. Milton Hollifield Rev. E. O. Connelly Rev. Ralph Mumpower

VISITING MINISTERS WELCOMED

Rev. S. A. Smith, Middlesex, N. C.; Rev. H. J. Stevens, Route 1, Goldsboro, N. C.; Rev. James A. Evans, Mount Olive, N. C.; Rev. Frank Thompson, Johnson City, Tenn.; Rev. James A. Collins, Route 1, Alexander, N. C.; Rev. Joseph G. Ange, 303 N. Hyde Park Ave., Durham, N. C.; Rev. Mr. Duncan, Rev. Roy Rickard, Rev. Bayless McDonald, Rev. W. G. Reynolds, Rev. A. F. Lawter and Rev. Carl Shook.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

CANTON: Elmer Keener, Mrs. James Melton, Mrs. Bryson Messer, Mrs. Hoyle Harkins and Mrs. John Wells.

CAROLEEN: Mrs. E. O. Connelly, Mrs. C. A. Wilson, Mrs. Zenolia Allen and Miss Kathleen Quinn.

CHERRY MOUNTAIN: Represented by pastor, Rev. B. B. Melton.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Mrs. Allie Self, Mrs. Ella Roarke, Mrs. J. M. Randall, Mrs. Wayne Crouse and Mrs. Bynum Lance.

MARION: Wilson Stone, Essie Sue Ayers, Robert Epley and Eddie Kirkpatrick.

MT. CALVARY: Bro. Jim McKinney and Mrs. Wilma Crisaun.

OLD FORT: Luther Robinson, Johnnie Allison, Ralph Davis, Mrs. Luther Robinson, Mrs. Hardy Hinson and Mrs. Ralph Davis.

ROCKY PASS: Mrs. Gene Holland, Bro. Lewis Holland and Bro. Tom Plemmons.

SALEM: Mrs. Walter Jenkins, Mrs. J. A. Noblitt and Mrs. Jeter Marler.

SWANNANOA: Mrs. Pitman, Mrs. Stella McMahon, Lee Hutchins, Mrs. A. L. Wilson and Mrs. Ruby Sams.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Mr. and Mrs. James Salter.

11:00 A. M. SERVICE

Opening song: "Send The Light." Message by Rev. Joseph Ange, of Durham, N. C. Subject: "Free Will Baptists Need Vision."

1:30 P. M. SERVICE

Opening song: "Love Lifted Me." Devotions by Rev. Milton Hollifield. Subject: "Love, The Secret To Power." Scripture: Eph. 3:17-19.

Rev. James A. Evans spoke in regard to the Mt. Allen College at Mt Olive, North Carolina.

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Stevens both gave a very interesting report on Foreign Missions. Offering for Foreign Missions: $88.00.

Adjourned until Friday at 10:00 a. m.

COMMITTEES

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rev. E. O. Connelly.
HOME & FOREIGN MISSIONS: Rev. John E. Floyd.
EDUCATION: Rev. Milton A. Hollifield.
SUPERANNUATION: Rev. Milton A. Hollifield and Rev. Kenneth Frisby.
OBITUARIES: Rev. Ralph Mumpower.
ORPHANAGE: Wayman McMahan and James Brotherton.
PASTORS' SUPPORT: Rev. John Floyd, Robert Epley and Edward Kirkpatrick.
LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: Rev. Carl Roland.
MARRIAGE & DIVORCE: Rev. Thomas Silvers and Bro. Walter Jenkins.
DEVOTIONS: Rev. Milton Hollifield.
TEMPERANCE: Rev. Ralph Mumpower and Rev. Milton Hollifield.
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Bro. Arnold Bird.
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: Mrs. E. O. Connelly.
PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Ralph Mumpower and Rev. E. O. Connelly.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Singing by the Marion church choir. Devotions by Rev. John E. Floyd. Message by Rev. Frank Thompson of Johnson City, Tenn. Subject: "Everything Free Will Baptists Need, Jesus Christ Will Always Be.'"

FRIDAY—10:00 A. M.

Singing by congregation. Devotions: "Hearing, Looking, Doing," by Rev. Kenneth Frisby. Scripture reading: James 1:25.

FRIDAY—11:00 A. M.

Opening song: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Prayer by Rev. Carl Roland. Message: "What It Takes To Accomplish A Great Work," by the Rev. A. F. Lawter, of Lockhart, S. C. Scripture reading: Exodus 3. A good old-time spiritual message by the speaker that was enjoyed very much by all.

FRIDAY—1:30 P. M.

Opening song: "The Lily of the Valley." Devotions by Rev. Bayless McDonald of Nashville, Tenn. Subject: "Lift Up Your Eyes." Scripture reading: Matthew 12.

Rev. A. S. Smith spoke in regard to the Orphanage. Offering for the Orphanage at this session: $30.05.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Singing by the Marion church choir. Devotions by Rev. Mr. Carter. Message by Rev. Winford Floyd.

PLEDGES FOR MRS. STEVENS FOREIGN MISSION FUND

Canton, $15.00 per month; Old Fort, $10.00; Swannanoa, $10.00; Mt. Calvary, $10.00; Marion, $10.00; Caroleen, $10.00; Rocky Pass, $10.00; Cherry Mountain, $10.00; Salem, $10.00. These pledges are to be sent each month to Rev. Milton Hollifield, Box 1045, Canton, N. C., Treasurer.

Delegates to the State Convention: Mrs. Hoyle Harkins and Mrs. T. A. Pittman. Minute fund: $10.00.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS: We, your committee, feel that this is the greatest phase of our work, and should be supported by the following: 1st. Prayer: The Bible teaches us to pray without ceasing.—Thess. 5:14-17. 2nd. We must pay: Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse.—Malachi 3:10. 3rd. We must go: Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.—Mark 16:15. 4th. We must suffer.—II Cor. 11:24-25. We would also like to urge our churches to make every effort to keep their pledges for our missionary, Sister Josephine Stevens, in Africa.

PASTORS' SUPPORT: We, your committee, recommend the following: 1st. Pastors' support should be based on God's Word. We all know that we must give if the work of the Lord is to advance. Offerings are fine, but generally insufficient to carry on the church work. Both the Old and New Scriptures teach tithing as God's financial plan for the support of His work. 2nd. You should have a full-time pastor. Paul tells us that those who preach the gospel should live by the gospel. A pastor who is otherwise employed cannot do justice to his church. As we see and use the necessities of life, let us realize that our pastor and family have need of these things also. So let's stand firm in the support of our pastors: in money and prayer, and other ways to help lighten the burden they carry.

Robert Epley and Edward Kirkpatrick, committee.

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: We, your committee, believe that this day should be set apart for the purpose of worship, and we, as Christians, should be against anything that tends to break the spiritual atmosphere of the Lord's Day, and realize this day is for the spiritual welfare of man. We are opposed to any kind of sports that draw the eye of mankind, such as baseball, football, golf or anything that takes the mind of our people from the Lord. We are opposed to the opening of theatres on Sundays, including drive-ins. We are opposed to any work or action that takes away from the Christian the true worship of God, and the rest the body and soul needs.

Rev. Carl Roland, committee.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE: We, your committee, believe there is only one Biblical cause for divorce, and will not allow our ministers to officiate at the marriage of divorced persons unless they are satisfied that the ones to be married are justified in their separation. We are also against parents giving their permission for children under age to be married, and the marriage of persons who are unfit to care for a family. We protest against the licensing or ordaining of candidates for the ministry, or deacons who have two living wives. See I Timothy 3:1-6.

Rev. Thomas Silvers and Bro. Walter Jenkins, committee.

DEVOTIONS: We, your committee, feel that in this day, when so much emphasis is being placed on the financial and material things, that our strongest efforts should be directed toward the development of the spiritual life of our churches. Our spiritual power can be no stronger than the individual spirituality of our members as a whole. The Holy Spirit can do His office work complete in our lives only as we are submissive to Him. Therefore, we should adhere to the teaching of Paul in Titus 2:11-12: "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." We believe every Christian home should have a family altar, and some time should be set apart every day for the study of God's Word. Our affections should be set on things above, and not on the things of the earth.—Col. 3:2.

Rev. Milton Hollifield, committee.

EDUCATION: We, your committee, feel that with educational standards as high as they are today, that there is a greater need for Christian education than ever before. Since the Word of God is the sword of the Spirit, and our only defensive weapon against Satan, it is a poor soldier who is unacquainted with it and unskilled in its use. We should not ignore Paul's teaching in II Tim. 2:15. The person who is ignorant of God's Word, is the person who is deceived. We make the following recommendations: First, that our children should be educated in the Word of God as much as possible while they are small, according to Prov. 22:6. Second, that our young people be urged to attend colleges of our denomination. Third, That our churches support our educational enterprises to the best of their ability.

Rev. Milton Hollifield, committee.

SUPERANNUATION: We, your committee, feel that our old ministers have been neglected in the past, and we feel it is our duty to help the ones who have labored to lay the foundation for the work we are now doing. We therefore recommend that the churches of our Association support the

Board of Superannuation by sending your offering regularly to the State Superannuation Board. All funds should be sent to Rev. M. L. Johnson, Sims, N. C.

Rev. Milton Hollifield and Rev. Kenneth Frisby, committee.

ORPHANAGE: We, your committee, feel that the Orphanage is one of the most worthy organizations we have. We recommend that all churches in the Blue Ridge Association appoint a representative from each church to visit the Orphanage once a year, and to meet with the Orphanage Board at the meeting nearest to Thanksgiving Day. At this time also deliver the produce and canned goods, as we recommend all churches to continue gathering produce and canning for the Orphanage. Each church should send its representative and bear their expenses to and from the Orphanage. We also recommend that each church send at least one ($1.00) dollar per member each year. We want our Orphanage to continue to grow as in the past.

J. W. McMahan, James Brotherton, Essie Sue Ayers and Wilson Stone, committee.

FINANCE: Minute and Expense Fund	$160.85
Voted to pay Clerk	25.00
State Convention Minute Fund	10.00
Balance for Minutes and Postage	125.85

SESSIONS: The next session of the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists will be held at Cragmont beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1955, at 10:00 a. m.

Voted to extend our many thanks to the Marion church for the nice welcome extended to us during this association. Thanks also were extended to the moderator and clerk for their services.

REV. WAYNE SMITH, Moderator
MRS. R. H. REESE, Clerk.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

CANTON: President, Mrs. J. W. Phillips, Poplar St., Canton, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Pearl Green, 26 Orange St., Canton, N. C.; No. of members, 19; gained this year, 3; meets every two weeks; money taken in, $587.20; money paid out, $562.20.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: President, Mrs. James Cordell, Sulphur Springs Road, West Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Nancy Randall, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.; No. of members, 15; meets every two weeks.

MARION: No. of members, 18; money received, $417.31; paid out to Education, $150.00; Foreign Missions, $59.23; Home Missions, $33.66; Charity, $13.00; Literature, $5.25; Incidentals, $6.94; Building and repairs, $125.00; Convention Dues, $13.00; total paid out, $406.05; balance in treasury, $13.00.

OLD FORT: President, Mrs. Nellie Robinson, Old Fort, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Wilbur Creasman, Old Fort, N. C.; No. of members, 12; meets every two weeks; money taken in, $334.79; money paid out, $168.69.

ROCKY PASS: President, Mrs. Kenneth Frisbee, Route 1, Marion, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Gene Holland, Route 1, Marion, N. C.; No. of members, 15; meets ever week; money taken in, $671.29; money paid out, $590.67.

SALEM: President, Mrs. J. O. Nobblitt, Old Fort, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Walter Jenkins, Old Fort, N. C.; No. of members, 10; meets every month; money taken in, $164.00; money paid out, $101.00.

SWANNANOA: President, Mrs. Claude Foster, Black Mountain, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Edward Mumpower, Swannanoa, N. C.; No. of members, 32; gained this year, 2; meets every two weeks; money taken in, $748.69; money paid out, $739.41.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: President, Mrs. Pink Hampton, Waynesville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Dee Kirkpatrick, Hazelwood, N. C.; No. of members, 13; gained this year, 2; meets every two weeks; money taken in, $364.95; money paid out, $360.40.

CHERRY MOUNTAIN: Secretary, Miss Virginia Melton, Route 2, Bostic, N. C.; No. of members, 10; money taken in, $50.57; money paid out, $44.01; balance in treasury, $7.18.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

CANTON: President, Eugene Milner, Canton, N. C.; secretary, Mary Ellen Messer, Route 2, Canton, N. C.; No. of members, 50; No. of groups, 3; meets every Sunday evening; kind of literature used, F.W.B.; we have a Junior League; leader, Mrs. Bryson Messer, Route 2, Canton, N. C.

MARION: President, V. E. Condrey, Clinchfield Sta., Marion, N. C.; secretary, Inez Finley, Clinchfield Sta., Marion, N. C.; No. of members, 45; No. of groups, 2; meets every Sunday; money taken in, $61.60; money paid out, $48.40; we have a Junior League; leader, Margie Mason, Clinchfield Sta., Marion, N. C.

SWANNANOA: President, Cecil Redmon, Swannanoa, N. C.; secretary, Doris McMahan, Black Mountain, N. C.; No. of members, 50; No. of groups, 2; meets every Sunday; money taken in, $170.25; money paid out, $121.52; we take a weekly offering; kind of literature use, F.W.B.; we have a Junior League; leader, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Swannanoa, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CANTON: Superintendent, Elmer Keener, Canton, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. J. R. Wilson, Canton, N. C.; No. of classes, 9; No. of pupils, 230; kind of literature used, F.W.B.; expenses, $221.59; amount sent to Orphanange, $50.00.

CHERRY MOUNTAIN: Secretary, Mrs. Ellen Beheler, Route 1, Blacksburg, S. C.; No. of pupils, 35; expenses, $112.40; balance in treasury, $49.10.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Superintendent, Mr. Joe Matthews, Biltmore Ave., Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Catherine Boulden, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.; No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 56; kind of literature used, F.W.B.; expenses, $170.92; amount sent to Orphanage, $89.35.

OLD FORT: Superintendent, Hardy Hinson, Old Fort, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Marie Parker, Old Fort, N. C.; No. of classes, 6; kind of literature used, F.W.B. and Bible; expenses, $39.80.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Superintendent, James H. Salter, Box 319, Hazelwood, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. James Salter, Box 319, Hazelwood, N. C.; No. of classes, 4; No. of pupils, 60; kind of literature used, F.W.B.; expenses, $243.20.

CHURCH REPORTS

CANTON: No. of members received 52; by letter and statement, 15; by experience and baptism, 36; by restoration, 1; No. of members lost, 4; by letter, 3; by death, 1; total increase, 48; last year's membership, 185; present membership, 233; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. Milton Hollifield and Rev. Richard Ward. Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Carl Shook and Rev. Frank Thompson; pastor, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Box 1045, Canton, N. C.; clerk, Mr. Jerry Messer, Canton, N. C.; pastor for next year, Rev. Milton Hollifield; clerk, Mr. Jerry Messer; pastor's salary, $4420.00; revivals, $350.00; church property improvements, $1223.14; State Convention fee, $3.00; local charity and home missions, $147.00; other purposes, $2300.21; Minute fund, $20.00; Superannuation, $10.00; Christian education, $37.75; Foreign Missions, $210.91; Orphanage, $290.91; Church Finance Asso., $10.00; Cragmont, $75.00; value of church property, $7850.00; value of parsonage, $8000.00; value of all other church property, $1800.

CAROLEEN: No. of members received, 23; by letter and statement, 11; by experience and baptism, 10; by restoration, 2; No. of members lost, 7; by letter, 2; by death, 5; total increase 23; total decrease, 7; last year's membership, 149; present membership, 165; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. L. D. Gray; pastor, Rev. E. O. Connelly, Route 1, Forest City, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Lucille Waters, Box 177, Caroleen, N. C.; pastor for next year, Rev. E. O. Connelly; clerk for next year, Mrs. Lucille Waters; pastor's salary, $3380.00; revivals, $75.00; church property improvements, $226.15; State Convention fee, $5.00; local charity and home missions, $133.78; other purposes, $700.12; Minute fund, $10.00;

Foreign Missions, $25.00; Orphanage, $31.40; Christian Education, $80.00; Church Finance Asso., $10.00; value of church property, $50,000; value of parsonage, $6,000.

CHERRY MOUNTAIN: No. of members received, 12; by experience and baptism, 12; by letter and statement, 5; No. of members lost, 4; by letter, 1; by request, 3; present membership, 32; pastor, Rev. B. B. Melton, Route 2, Bostic, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Ruffin Hoyle, Route 2, Bostic, N. C.; paid pastor, $41.91; other purposes, $872.96; balance in treasury, $43.31; Orphanage, $4.45; Minute fund, $5.00; value of church property, $2,500.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: No. of members received, 10; by experience and baptism, 7; by letter and statement, 3; No. of members lost, 3; by letter, 1; by death, 2; total increase, 7;last year's membership, 113; present membership, 120; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. D. C. Heide; pastor, Rev. James E. Cordell, Sulphur Springs Rd., West Asheville, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Nancy Randall, Route 3, Box 417, West Asheville, N. C.; pastor for next year, not elected; pastor's salary, $1418.61; revivals, $204.34; church repairs and improvements, $650.35; State Convention fee, $10.00; local charity, $69.56; other purposes, $124.79; Minute fund, $5.00; Missions, $406.45; Orphanage, $117.45; Christian Education, $84.39; Cragmont, $25.00; value of church property, $30.00.

MARION: No. of members received, 40; by letter and statement, 15; by experience and baptism, 25; by restoration, 6; No. of members lost, 4; by letter, 2; by death, 2; total increase, 40; total decrease, 4; last year's membership, 275; present membership, 311; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Doctor Horn, Rev. Winford Floyd; pastor, Rev. J. E. Floyd, Box 201, Marion, N. C.; clerk, Troy Ledford, Marion, N. C.; pastor's salary, $90.00 per week; revivals, $500.00; church property improvements, $25,000; State Convention fee, $5.00; local charity and home missions, $46.66; other purposes, $6.94; Minute fund, $5.00; Superannuation, $10.00; Foreign Missions, $914.00; Orphanage, $53.00; Christian Education, $600.00; Church Finance Asso., $725.00; Cragmont, $10.00; value of church property, $50,000; value of parsonage, $8,000.

MT. CALVARY: No. of members received, 4; by letter and statement, 3; by experience and baptism, 1; No. of members lost, 2; by expulsion and erasure, 2; total increase, 4; total decrease, 2; last year's membership, 23; present membership, 25; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. Carl Roland; pastor, Rev. Leroy Grant, East Marion, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Wilma Styles, Route 2, Marion, N. C.; pastor's salary, $40.00 per month; revivals, $58.35; church property improvements, $758.22; local charity and home missions, $23.00; Minute fund, $2.00; Foreign Missions, $15.00; value of church property, $1,800; value of all other church property, $500.00.

OLD FORT: No. of members received, 38; by experience and baptism, 31; by letter and statement, 7; No. of members lost, 9; by letter, 7; by death, 2; total increase, 29; lastyear's membership, 139; present membership, 168; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. Charlie Wheeler, Rev. Carl Roland and Rev. William Manley; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Mr. Stockton and Rev. Mr. Chapman; pastor, Rev. Carl Roland, Clinchfield Station, Marion, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Irene Chrisawn, Old Fort, N. C.; pastor's salary, $1300.00; revivals, $146.00; church repairs and improvements, $1608.95; State Convention fee, $5.00; local charity, $256.95; other purposes, $1101.97; Minute fund, $5.00; value of church property, $1100.70.

ROCKY PASS: No. of members received, 8; by letter and statement, 7; by experience and baptism, 1; total increase, 8; last year's membership, 63; present membership, 71; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Creed Daniels and Rev. Wayne Smith; pastor, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, Route 1, Marion, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Gene Holland, Route 1, Marion, N. C.; pastor's salary, $1328.10; revivals, $155.97; church property improvements, $6515.46; local charity and home missions, $279.16; other purposes, $1158.81; Minute fund, $5.00; Foreign Missions, $164.75; Orphanage, $76.60; Christian Education, $19.10; Cragmont, $25.00; value of church property, $25,000.

SALEM: No. of members received, 13; by letter and statement, 5; by experience and baptism, 8; No. of members lost, 1; by death, 1; total increase, 12; last year's membership, 17; present membership, 29; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. Thomas F. Silver; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. L. O. Vess and Rev. Kenneth Frisbee; pastor, Rev. Thomas F. Silvers, Box, 127, Old Fort, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. J. O. Noblitt, Old Fort, N. C.; pastor's salary, $120.43; revivals, $72.00; church property improvements, $118.91; local charity and home missions, $20.00; other purposes, $50.00; Minute fund, $5.00; Superannuation, $2.00; Foreign Missions, $20.00; Orphanage, $35.44; Christian Education, $1.00; Church Finance Asso., $1.00; Cragmont, $1.00; value of church property, $3200.00.

SWANNANOA: No. of members received, 65; by letter and statement, 24; by experience and baptism, 40; by restoration, 1; No. of members lost, 2· by letter, 2; total increase, 65; last year's membership, 256; present membership, 321; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. W. L. Moretz, Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Jack Hutchins, Rev. Ralph Mumpower and Rev. Gurney McKinney; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 3; held by Rev. John Floyd, Rev. Frank Thompson and Rev. Chester Phillips; pastor, Rev. Wayne Smith, Swannanoa, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Claude Foster, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; pastor for next year, not elected; pastor's salary, $3630; revivals, $613.45; church property improvements, $1752.91; State Convention fee, $5.00; local charity and home missions, $634.69; other purposes, $1562.18; Minute fund, $20.00; Superannuation, $36.00; Foreign Missions, $288.23; Orphanage, $77.50; Christian Education, $162.87; Cragmont, $42.51; value of church property, $30,000; value of parsonage, $7,000; value of all other property, $275.00.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: No. of members received, 7; by letter and statement 7,; No. of members lost, 1; by death, 1; total increase, 6; last year's membership, 29; present membership, 35; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. Fred Inman, Rev .W. L. Queen and Rev. Robert Inman; pastor, Rev. W. L. Queen, Box 385, Hazelwood, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Clarence Gaddy, 315 Walter St., Waynesville, N. C.; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Clifford Hornbuckle and Rev. Martin Cable; pastor's salary, $133.09; revivals, $179.00; church property improvements, $520.60; local charity and home missions, $50.00; Minute fund, $3.00; Orphanage, $8.00; value of church property, $3800.00.

Total churches reporting	11
Total membership	1490
Total amount raised by all churches	$77,192.50

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Blue Ridge Ministers Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists met at the Marion First Church August 28, 1954 at 10:00 a. m. Opening song, "In The Cross." Devotions by Rev. W. L. Kell. Scripture reading, II Tim. 4. Subject, "The Undershepherd."

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Milton Hollifield ---------- Box 1045, Canton, N. C.
Assistant Moderator, Rev. Ralph Mumpower ---------- Swannanoa, N. C.
Secretary,treasurer, Mrs. R. H. Reese --- 27 Hollywood St., Asheville, N. C.
Assistant secretary, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee -------- Route 1, Marion, N. C.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. John E. Floyd Rev. R. H. Reese Rev. E. O. Connelly.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Carl Roland Rev. Kenneth Frisbee Rev. Wayne Smith

ORDAINED AT THIS CONFERENCE

Leroy Grant and Harold O'dear. The charge was given by Rev. Wayne Smith; Rev. Milton Hollifield rendered the ordination prayer.

LICENSED AT THIS CONFERENCE

W. L. Kell, Fred Freeman, Reid Smart and Ray Deviney.

Rev. Milton Duncan joined the Ministers' Conference at this session, and Rev. B. B. Melton came under the watchcare of the conference until the next meeting.

The next session of the Minister's Conference will be held at the Rocky Pass Free Will Baptist Church nar Marion, N. C., on Saturday, October 30, 1954 at 7:00 p. m.

The next annual session of the Ministers' Conference will be held at Cragmont, Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1955, at 10:00 a. m.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Revs. Wayne Smith, Milton Hollifield, John Floyd, E. O. Connelly, Ralph Mumpower, Carl Roland, R. H. Reese, Thomas Silvers, Kenneth Frisbee, W. L. Queen, Leroy Grant, Harold O'dear and Milton Duncan.

LICENTIATES

W. L. Kell, Fred Freeman, Reid Smart and Ray Deviney.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

REV. J. E. FLOYD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 6; No. of conversions, 275; No. of sermons preached, 312; No. of members received, 40; No. baptized, 25; No. of marriages, 8; No. of funerals conducted, 15; received for pastoral services, $6115.00; received for revival services, $600.00; received for all other services, $40.00; total amount received, $6755.00; given personally to the cause, $2200.00; do you tithe? yes; address: Box 201, Marion, N. C.

REV. WAYNE SMITH: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 8; No. of conversions, 90; No. of sermons preached, 122; No. of members received, 51; No. baptized, 51; No. of marriages, 5; No. of funerals conducted, 7; received for pastoral services, $3570.00; received for revival services, $900.00; received for all other services, $150.00; total amount received, $4640.00; given personally to the cause, $465.00; do you tithe? yes; address: 109 Spring Road, Durham, N. C.

REV. E. O. CONNELLY: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of professions, 24; No. of sermons preached, 120; No. of members received, 23; No. baptized, 11; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals conducted, 6; received for pastoral services, $3500.00; received for revival services, $143.00; total amount received, $3643.00; given personally to the cause, $364.00; do you tithe? yes; address: Route 1, Forest City, N. C.

REV. MILTON HOLLIFIELD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 5; No. of conversions, 55; No. of sermons preached, 186; No. of members received, 52; No. baptized, 48; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals conducted, 8; received for pastoral services, $4420.00; received for revival services, $500.00; given personally to the cause, $500.00; do you tithe? yes; address: Box 1045, Canton, N. C.

REV. KENNETH FRISBEE: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 3; No. of conversions, 53; No. of sermons preached, 148; No. of marriages, 2; No. of funerals conducted, 5; received for pastoral services, $1328.10; received for revival services, $150.00; received for all other services, $50.00; total amount received, $1528.10; amount given personally to the cause, $940.00; do you tithe? yes; address: Route 1, Marion, N. C.

REV. THOMAS F. SILVERS: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 35; No. of sermons preached, 121; No. of members received, 13; No. baptized, 9; No. of funerals conducted, 2; received for pastoral services, $129.43; received for all other services, $76.00; total amount received, $205.43; given personally to the cause, $205.00; do you tithe? yes; address: Box 127, Old Fort, N. C.

REV. LEROY GRANT: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of conversions, 13; No. of sermons preached, 96; No. of members received, 4; No. baptized, 2; Received for pastoral services, $240.00; given personally to the cause, $181.00; do you tithe? yes; address: East Marion, N. C.

REV. W. L. KELL JR.: No. of churches pastored/supplied, 1; No. of conversions, 16; No. of sermons preached, 45; No. baptized/helped baptize, 29; No. of funerals conducted, 1; received for pastoral services, $200.00; received for all other services, $40.00; total amount received, $240.00; given personally to the cause, $380.00; do you tithe? yes; address: Box 130, Canton, N. C.

REV. CARL ROLAND: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 4; No. of conversions, 160; No. of sermons preached, 176; No. of members received, 38; No. baptized, 52; No. of marriages, 5; No. of funerals conducted, 12; received for pastoral services, $1300.00; received for revival services, $83.00; received for all other services, $5.00; total amount received, $1388.00; given personally to the cause, $364.00; do you tithe? yes; address: Clinchfield Sta., Marion, N. C .

REV. W. L. QUEEN: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 21; No. of sermons preached, 54; No. of members received, 7; No. baptized, 11; No. of funerals, 4; received for pastoral services, $133.09; received for all other services, $25.00; total amount received, $158.09; given personally to the cause, $340.00; do you tithe? yes; address: Box 385, Hazelwood, N. C.

REV. MILTON HOLLIFIELD, Moderator
MRS. R. H. REESE, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION, MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. This body shall be known as the Ministers' Conference of the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.
2. This Conference is formed under and by the authority of the Blue Ridge Association and shall be composed of its ordained and licensed ministers.
3. It shall have entire jurisdiction over the ministry in said Association, issuing license, and prescribing qualifications for the ministry, conducting examinations and ordaining ministers, and at all times working for the most harmonious and effective ministry. Each licensed minister shall work under license for a period of not less than one year; then he may be ordained if the ordaining council deems it necessary.
4. We deem it necessary for the protection of the Gospel, not to accept anyone as a minister who has two living wives.
5. Each minister will be required to preach and teach tithing as the means of church support.
6. Following the union meeting held on Saturday before each Fifth Sunday, the Minsiters' Conference will be held. Each minister will be required to attend and report on his work at each conference unless providentially hindered, then he shall report by letter.
7. The officers of this Conference shall be a moderator and a secretary-treasurer, who shall be elected for a term of two years, and shall perform the duties usually performed by such officers. They shall enter upon the duties of said office at the close of the current session. The moderator may not succeed himself.
8. This Conference shall have power to make such by-laws and other regulations as may be necessary for the performance of its duties.
9. This Constitution may be amended at any regular annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds.

BY-LAWS, MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. The regular meeting of this conference shall be held annually immediately following the Association. The conference shall meet each Fifth Sunday in connection with the Union Meeting.
2. Each member shall report at each annual and Fifth Sunday meeting either in person or by letter.
3. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum at all regular or le-

gally called meetings.

4. The moderator may call a special meeting of the conference at any time upon request of three members.

5. At each annual meeting there shall be elected an Ordaining Council of three members, whose duty shall be to examine candidates and grant license, conduct ordinations, etc., and report at each annual meeting.

6. Licentiates shall pursue a definite course of study under the direction of the ordaining council.

7. At each annual meeting there shall be elected an investigating committee of three members, whose duty shall be to investigate applicants for membership, and license and other investigations they may be called on to make.

8. Necessary expenses of this organization shall be met by voluntary contributions or by assessment of its members.

9. No member shall serve as pastor of a church which does not enforce discipline, and care for their pastor, and contribute to the United Program of our State, according to their ability,and strive to go forward in spiritual progress and the upbuilding of God's Kingdom.

10. No member shall meddle with the work of another or injure his reputation for usefulness, but watch over each other and thus promote harmony among the membership.

11. Each member, not excused because of age or infirmities, is expected to do some work to advance the cause of Christ and make a full report at each annual meeting.

12. Membership in this body shall be proof of good standing in the ministry. A membership card shall be issued to each member at the annual meeting upon payment of $2.00. This fee to be placed in the Conference Treasury to pay necessary expenses, and for the promotion of the cause of Christ.

13. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote at any annual meeting.

CHURCH COVENANT

. Having given ourselves to the Lord, through Jesus Christ, we agree to accept the Free Will Baptist articles of faith; we give ouselves to each other by the help of God. 2. We solemnly covenant before God that we will carefully observe, rebuke and admonish those having gone astray and watch over each other's reputation, use our influence to the upbuilding of the church, commands implied in a profession of faith, and in the spirit of kindness and for the advancement of the cause of Christ, endeavoring to seek the unity of the spirit in the bonds of Peace, and to confess our faults to one another, and to strengthen those who are weak. 3. We promise by the help of God, that we will faithfully practice family and secret prayer and strive to cultivate the doctrine of God's revealed Word in the minds of those under our care.. 4. We also agree to use our influence for the support to the Gospel and contribute liberally to aid the ministry according to our several abilities. Also we agree to be liberal with those who are afflicted and needy, and especially to those of the household of faith. 5. We also agree to attend the monthly meetings regularly if not Providentially hindered, and to submit to all ordinances applied in a profession of faith. 6. We also agree to abstain from all sinful and vain amusements. 7. We also agree to abstain from all intoxicating liquors, not to use it as a beverage, nor aid or assist in the manufacture of such, nor to furnish it to others. We also agree to encourage home and foreign missions, education, Sabbath Schools, good morals and everything that is for the glory of God, and to the welfare of men, and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless until the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, that we may be happily admitted into the Kingdom of God, where we can ascribe honor unto the Lamb forever. Amen.

THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION

—of the—

ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

-of-

NORTH CAROLINA

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1

This Association shall be known as the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

ARTICLE 2

The objects of this Association shall be: to promote unity, fraternity, fellowship, and cooperation; and to encourage and engage in larger Christian enterprises that cannot be carried on by a single church. To combine and direct the energies of the Free Will Baptists within its bounds in one sacred effort to encourage and promote the general spread of the Gospel; and the causes of the united program.

ARTICLE 3

1. This Association shall be composed of all ordained and licensed ministers, and of delegates chosen and sent by each church in its bounds, who shall be duly recommended by the church to which they belong.

2. The following Auxiliaries of each church are entitled to one delegate each:. the Sunday School, the Ladies' Auxiliary, and the Free Will Baptist League. No church shall be entitled to more than five (5) delegates.

3. Each church and its Auxiliaries may represent by letter and a donation for the expenses of the Association and the causes it fosters.

4. This Association disclaims the right to excerise lordship over the churches, or to have any power which entitles it to infringe upon the internal affairs or rights of any of the churches composing it. Each church shall consider its internal affairs to be its own business; but it shall not disrespect the Association and those who are placed in authority by the proper processes.

ARTICLE 4

An accused church has the same right as an individual in the church: to have specific charges presented in writing, a fair opportunity for defense, and to be considered innocent until proved guilty.

ARTICLE 5

This Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be repersented by letter or delegates.

ARTICLE 6

Churches coming from another denomination will be carefully and satisfactory examined as to doctrine before being received as members.

ARTICLE 7

1. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator and Assistant Moderator, and Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, and Field Superintendent, who shall be elected for a term of two years, entering upon their said duties of said offices at the close of the current session.

2. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator shall not succeed themselves in election. However, the Assistant Moderator may be elected Moderator.

3. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over all the meetings of the Association.

4. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to preside in the absence of the Moderator.

5. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Association in a business-like manner, and to superintend

the printing of the Minutes, and the distribution of said Minutes, and to give over all properties belonging to his or her office to his or her duly successor. The Clerk shall be paid a fee for services—an amount fixed by the Association. Minutes of the Association shall be sent to all visiting Free Will Baptist ministers.

6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds belonging to the Association, and to disburse same as directed by the Association. The Treasurer shall be bonded for the amount sufficient to cover all money coming into their hands.

7. It shall be the duty of the Historian to keep a record of such items of interest as may be useful in the future; to preserve the same in a book. He or she shall also keep a file of the Minutes. He or she shall give over all materials and property to His or her successor in office.

8. It shall be the duty of the field superintendend to encourage the work in general in this Association. He shall promote every phase of the program. He shall visit the churches, and in every way possible assist them in doing greater things for God's glory. He shall promote unity and fellowship among the ministers, and their churches. He shall supply for any pastor who shall be providentially kept from his work. He shall be paid a salary agreed upon by the Association. He shall receive an offering at all churches, the same to be turned over to the Association to help maintain this work.

ARTICLE 8

At each annual session the Moderator shall appoint such committees as the Association may direct. It shall be the duty of these committees to report at the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE 9

The following Directors shall be elected annually: Director for young people's work; Director for the Women's Auxiliary work—who shall be responsible to do all the work they can to promote the work in these departments in each church in this Association. They shall encourage cooperation with the State League and Ladies' Auxiliary Organizations.

ARTICLE 10

The Executive Board shall consist of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Field Superintendent, and three members elected from the floor. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to have the supervision of the work of the Association between sessions. The Moderator and Clerk, by virtue of their offices, shall be chairman and secretary, respectively, of the Board.

ARTICLE 11

It shall be the duty of the Association to encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an all--sufficient Saviour, having made salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the Gospel, which is freely offered to all.

ARTICLE 12

Any church seeking membership in this Association shall furnish evidence that there is a deed on record made to the Trustees of said Free Will Baptist church and their successors in office, and after a satisfactory examination as to their doctrine and fellowship and disposition toward the united program, may be received as memmbers.

ARTICLE 13

We will have a union meeting on Saturday before each Fifth Sunday, for the furtherance of every phase of the work of this Association. This meeting shall be composed of all members and two delegates from each church.

ARTICLE 14

This Association shall adopt the Treatise of the Faith and Government of the National Treatise of the Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE 15

A church may become a member of this Association by petition, or by letter, or by delegates, and by adopting the Treatise and Articles of Faith and Government, and the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association.

ARTICLE 16

This Association shall be governed by the rules laid down in Roberts' or Hasting's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE 17

This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the Third Sunday in August.

ARTICLE 18

The Minutes of each meeting of this Association shall be printed, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association, and Constitution and By-Laws of the Ministers' Conference; also the Church Covenant.

ARTICLE 19

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting of the Association.

BY-LAWS OF THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION —of the— ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS —of— NORTH CAROLINA

ARTICLE 1

A session of this Association shall meet annually.

ARTICLE 2

This Association shall be opened and closed with suitable devotions.

ARTICLE 3

There shall be no conversation by members, one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.

ARTICLE 4

Every person wishing to speak, shall first arise and address the Moderator, and be recognized before speaking.

ARTICLE 5

No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

ARTICLE 6

Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

ARTICLE 7

No member shall speak on any one subject more than twice, except by permission of the moderator.

ARTICLE 8

Every motion made and seconded shall be acted upon unless withdrawn by the person who made it.

ARTICLE 9

A motion before the house must be acted upon before another motion can be made.

ARTICLE 10

On all motions acted upon, the majority vote shall prevail.

ARTICLE 11

The Moderator shall have the privilege to speak on any subject as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

ARTICLE 12

We shall admit no other title while in session but that of Brother and Sister.

ARTICLE 13

No member shall absent himself from the body without permission of the Moderator.

ARTICLE 14

Any person transgressing these By-Laws shall be admonished by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 15

No less than nine (9) members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 16

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular annual meeting by two-thirds vote.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. GOD: We believe that there is only one true and living God who is personally the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus who gave Himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time. I Tim. 2:5.

2. THE HOLY SCRIPTURE: We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of His church. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and instruction in righteousness.

3. ORIGINAL APOSTASY: We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for

food and that it was pleasant to the eyes and a tree desired to make one wise, she took the fruit thereof and did eat and gave to her husband with her and he did eat."—Gen. 3:6.

4. FREE GRACE: We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessing, that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. "For there is no difference between Jews and Greeks for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him."—Rom. 10:12.

5. CHRISTIAN FAITH: We believe that Christian faith is the belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture, that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth in him."—John 3:36.

6. REPENTANCE: We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin. "Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry but that ye sorrowed to repentance, for ye were made sorry after a Godly manner that ye might receive damage by us in nothing, for Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of but the sorrow of the world worketh death.II Cor. 7:9-10.

7. FREE AGENCY: We believe that the human will is free and that men have ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures. "He that shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."—Micah 6:8.

8. PERSEVERANCE: We do not believe, under Gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; that it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of their faith and turn again to sin and finally be lost. "And Jesus said unto him: 'No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God'."—Luke 9:62.

9. GOOD WORKS: We believe that good works are the results of faith and not necessity; that those who have faith will do works of righteousness while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable to God. "Every tree that bringeth not forth fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire, wherefore by their fruit ye shall know them."—Matt. 7:19-20.

10. CHRISTIAN BAPTISM: We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be Scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death that like as Christmas raised from the dead byt he glory of the Father even so we also should walk in newness of life."—Rom. 6:4.

11. THE LORD'S SUPPER: We believe the supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance, that it was instituted for Christians and that all Christians should unite in sacred services regardless of name or denomination. "But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation unto himself not discerning the Lord's body.'"—I Cor. 11:28-29.

12. FEET WASHING: We believe that washing the saints' feet was a command of our Saviour and that His followers ought to practice the same. We urge the pastors of all churches to encourage the practical obedience of this command, especially among the members of our churches. "If I then your Lord and Master have washed your feet ye also ought to wash one another's feet."—St. John 13:14.

13. THE GOSPEL: We believe it to be the duty of all churches to support the Gospel. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live by the Gospel."—I Cor. 9:14.

CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of_____, at _____, N. C., send Christian salutation to The Blue Ridge Association and the following delegates represent us:

_____, _____

_____, _____

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Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are:

_____, _____

_____, _____

Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are:

_____, _____

_____, _____

STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE

No of members received_____; By experience and baptism_____; By letter and statement_____; By restoration_____; No. of memebrs lost_____; By letter_____; By expulsion and erasure_____; By death_____; Total increase_____ or decrease_____; Last year's membership_____; Present member ship_____.

Sundays we have preaching_____

No. of revivals_____; Held by:

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OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor _____

Address _____

Clerk _____

Address _____

Pastor for next year_____

Address _____

Clerk for next year_____

Address _____

FINANCIAL REPORT

Pastor's salary $_____; Revivals $_____; Church Property improvements $_____; State Convention fee $_____; Local Charity $_____; Other purposes $_____; Minute fund $_____.

UNITED PROGRAM

Superannuation $_____; Foreign Missions $_____

Orphanage $_____; Christian Education $_____

Church Finance Association, Inc. $_____; Cragmont $_____.

CHURCH HOLDINGS

Value of Church Property $_____; Value of Parsonage $_____; Value of all other Church property $_____.

Secretary_____; Address_____

Superintendent_____; Address_____

No. of classes_____; No. of pupils_____; Kind of Literature used_____; Expenses $_____;

Amount sent to Orphanage $_____

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

President_____; Address_____

Secretary_____; Address_____

No. of members_____; Gained this year_____; Meets every_____;

Money taken in $_____; Money paid out $_____.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

President_____; Address_____

Secretary_____; Address_____

No. of members_____; No. of groups_____; Meets every_____;

Do you take a weekly offering?_____; Kind of literature used_____

_____; Do you have a Junior League?_____;

Leader_____; Address_____

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By order of the Church in conference, this the_____day of_____, 195__

_____, Moderator

_____, Clerk

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 195__, TO 195__

No. of churches pastored_____; No. of revivals conducted_____; No. of conversions_____; No. of sermons preached_____; No. of members received_____; No. baptized_____; No. of marriages_____; No. of funerals_____.

Received for pastoral service . . . . . $_____

Received for revival service . . . . . $_____

Received for all other services . . . . . $_____

TOTAL . . . . . $_____

Given personally to the Cause . . . . . $_____

Do you tithe?_____.

Minister _____

Address _____

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NORTH CAROLINA

Held At Cragmont

BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. C.

August 18, 19, 20, 1955

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The next session of the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists will be held at Cragmont, beginning on the first Thursday in August, 1956, at 10:00 a. m.

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Rev. E. O. Connelly, Moderator ---------- Route 1, Forest City, N. C.
Rev. John Cansler, Asst. Moderator ---------- Swannanoa, N. C.
Mrs. R. H. Reese, Clerk ---------- 27 Hollywood St., Asheville, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

Commencing on Thursday, August 18, 1955 at 10:00 a. m. Opening Assembly. Congregational singing led by James C. Coffey. Welcome to Cragmont by Rev. John Cansler. Response to welcome, Rev. Milton Hollifield. Devotions by Rev. E. O. Connelly. Prayer by Rev. L. D. Gray. Introductory business session. Names of churches called and delegates seated. Visiting ministers welcomed.

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. E. O. Connelly ---------- Route 1, Forest City, N. C.
Asst. Moderator, Rev. John Cansler ---------- Swannanoa, N. C.
Clerk, Mrs. R. H. Reese, ---------- 27 Hollywood St., Asheville, N. C.
Historian, Mrs. Flora Morgan ------- P.O. Box 6131, West Asheville, N. C.
Treasurer, Rev. W. L. Kell Jr. ---------- Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.
Field Superintendent, Rev. Thomas F. Silvers ---- Box 127, Old Fort, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. John Floyd ---------- Marion, N. C.
Rev. R. H. Reese ---------- 27 Hollywood St., Asheville, N. C.
Rev. Keneth Frisbee ---------- Route 1, Marion, N. C.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. Milton Hollifield Rev. E. O. Connelly Rev. John Cansler

VISITING MINISTERS WELCOMED

Rev. J. W. Alford, New Bern, N. C.; Rev. W. C. Clarman, Tennessee; Rev. Grady Fender, Sister Frances Radford, Jacks Creek; Rev. James A Collins, French Broad; Rev. C. B. Hansley, Newport, Tennessee. NOTE: Clerk was unable to obtain names of all visiting ministers.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

BEAVERDAM: Mrs. Frank Smith, Miss Nancy Smith, Mrs. Howard Jackson, Mrs. Frank Sherlin and Mrs. M. Bolden.

CANTON: Rufus Stevenson, Mrs. Hoyle Harkins, Mrs. W. B. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Roberts and Mrs. Bessie Sams.

CAROLEEN: Mrs. W. C. Laws, Paul Deese and James Coffey.

CEDAR HILL: Benny Turner, Mrs. Maude King, Edward Burleson. and Mrs. W. L. Kell.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Mrs. Bynum Lance, Mrs. Flora Morgan, Joe Randall and Mrs. Allie Self.

MARION: Mrs. Carl Radford, Mrs. J. E. Floyd and Mrs. Troy Ledford.

MT. CALVARY: Mrs. Ella McKinney, Jim McKinney, Mrs. Mae McCormick and Rev. J. D. McCormick.

OLD FORT: Mrs. James Allison, Mrs. Hardy Henson and Miss Viola Henson.

ROCKY PASS: Tom Plemmons, Lewis Holland and Mrs. Gene Holland.

SALEM: Mrs. Walter Jenkins, Mrs. Ted Burnette and Rev. Grady Fender.

SWANNANOA: Cline Messer, Mrs. Edith Messer and Mrs. T. A. Pittman.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Mrs. Paul Massey, Mrs. W. L. Queen and Mrs. Hattie Faulkner.

11:00 A. M. SERVICE

Song service by the congregation. Message by the Rev. W. C. Clarman from Tennessee. Theme: "Look upon the fields" — John 4:35. Text: "Go in and possess the land." — Deut. 1:8.

1:30 P. M. SERVICE

Opening song: "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." Devotions by Rev. W. L. Kell Jr. Scripture reading, Psalms 37:16. Visiting speaker for Missions, Rev. J. W. Alford, who suggested we elect a permanent Local Mission Board to work with the State Mission Board in establishing Free Will Baptist churches in localities where there are none now located. Committee appointed, Rev. John Cansler, chairman; Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Keneth Frisbee, Rev. Ernest Strickland and Cline Messer. Call for new churches entering the Association this year. Beaverdam and Cedar Hill churches were accepted in full fellowship with the Association. Report of the Women's Auxiliary by the district president, Mrs. John Cansler. Voted to take the Glen Alpine church into full fellowship with this Association.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rev. E. O. Connelly and Rev. Ralph Mumpower.
HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS: J. C. Coffey and Paul Deese.

EDUCATION: Rev. Milton Hollifield and Brother Benny Turner.
SUPERANNUATION: Rev. John Cansler and Rev. Keneth Frisbee.
LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: Rev. R. H. Reese and Rev. T. F. Silvers.
DEEPER DEVOTION: Rev. W. L. Kell and Rev. L. D. Gray.
MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE: Ministers to write a permanent report.
ORPHANAGE: Rev. Ernest Strickland and Mrs. Sherlin.
PASTORS' SUPPORT: Mrs. Bynum Lance and Mrs. Flora Morgan.
TEMPERANCE: Rev. Ernest Strickland and Rev. John Cansler.
OBITUARIES: Mrs. Hoyle Harkins and Mrs. Milton Hollifield.
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Mrs. Maude King and Mrs. W. L. Kell.
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: Mrs. John Cansler.
FINANCE: Rev. Milton Hollifield and Rev. Keneth Frisbee.
PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. E. O. Connelly and Rev. John Cansler.
LOCAL MISSION BOARD: Rev. John Cansler, chairman; Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Keneth Frisbee, Rev. Ernest Strickland and Cline Messer.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Song service by church choirs. Devotions conducted by Rev. John Cansler. Message by Rev. L. D. Gray. Offering for the Orphanage, $31.50.

FRIDAY—10:00 A. M.

The Assembly opened with congregational singing. Devotions conducted by Bro. Benny Turner. Voted that all churches will set aside 1% of all offerings for the Association expenses. These funds are to be sent monthly to Treasurer, Rev. W. L. Kell Jr.; address: Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.

FRIDAY—11:00 A. M.

Opening song: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," by the congregation. Prayer by Rev. Keneth Frisbee. Song by request: "What Are They Doing In Heaven Today?" by Rev. Milton Hollifield. Message by Rev. Wayne Smith of Durham, N. C. Scripture reading, St. Luke 3:41.

FRIDAY—1:30 P. M.

Singing by the congregation. Devotions conducted by Rev. Fred Silvers. Scripture reading, Acts 3:1-11.

Business session. Voted to sponsor Bro. Benny Turner, one of our young licentiates, to attend the Bible College at Nashville, Tenn., tuition expense to be paid by the Blue Ridge Association.

Voted that all churches gather their produce and canned goods and send them to Cragmont at the next Ministers Conference, where the truck from the Orphanage will pick them up.

Delegates appointed to attend the State Convention: J. C. Coffey and Cline Messer.

Voted to change the date of the next meeting of the annual Association to the first Thursday, Friday and Saturday in August.

Voted that we take no offerings during the Association other than what is necessary for the expense of the Association.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the Rev. Wayne Smith for services rendered in the past two years as moderator of the Association.

REPORT of FOREIGN MISSION FUNDS for MRS. STEVENS

By Churches: Canton, $180.00; Mt. Calvary, $110.00; Old Fort, $80.00; Cherry Mountain, $20.00; Salem, $10.00; Rocky Pass, $125.00; Caroleen, $115.00; Marion, $70.00; Total, $710.00. All churches who have pledged to this fund are requested to keep sending your pledges to Rev. Milton Hollifield, Box 1045, Canton, N. C., treasurer.

Voted that each church visited by the Field Superintendent take an offering, of which ninety percent will go to the Field Superintendent, and the remaining ten percent to be kept in the church treasury.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: We, your committee, recommend that each church have a Sunday School, with all officers and teachers being Christians and members of said church. We also recommend that your School be properly graded. We suggest you contact Rev. William J. Mishler, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn., for full information concerning Sunday School work.

Rev. E. O. Connelly and Rev. Ralph Mumpower, committee.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS: We, your committee, wish to commend you for your support of Sister Josephine Stevens the past year. We suggest that each church include Missions in their church budget, and urge each pastor and church to cooperate with our Mission Board.

James Coffey and Paul Deese, committee.

EDUCATION: We, your committee, feel that with educational standards as high as they are today, there is a greater need for Christian education than ever before. Since the Word of God is the sword of the Spirit, and our only defensive weapon against Satan, it is a poor soldier who is unacquainted with it and unskilled in its use. We should not ignore Paul's teaching in II Timothy 2:15. The person who is ignorant of God's Word is the person who is deceived. We make the following recommendations: 1st, that our children should be educated in the Word of God as much as possible while they are small, according to Proverbs 22:6. 2nd, that our young people be urged to attend colleges of our denomination. It seems we are losing them every year to other denominational colleges. 3rd, that the people of the Blue Ridge Association, especially ministers, take advantage of the educational opportunity we now have at Cragmont. 4th, that our churches be sure to keep up their associational dues in order that the young man who has been adopted by our association can be sure his tuition will be paid at the Bible College. 5th, that we continue to support our educational enterprises to the best of our ability.

Rev. Milton Hollifield and Benny Turner, committee.

SUPERANNUATION: We, your committee, feel that each church in our Association should have part in the State and National Superannuation programs of our denomination. We also feel that each church should send something each month to our Superannuation Board, for the aged men of God. We recommend that our churches send larger contributions to the Superannuation Board, so they will be able to send larger checks to our superannuated ministers and their widows. Many of these ministers and their widows are badly neglected, and a small amount from each church sent regularly will turn the tide in their favor.

Rev. John Cansler and Rev. Keneth Frisbee, committee.

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: The Lord has commanded that we remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. A great many church members are breaking this commandment by using the Sabbath as a day for sport and pleasure, thereby neglecting the Sunday School and church services. We urge parents to teach their children the importance of Sabbath observance, restraining them from engaging in games of sport on that day. We also urge our pastors to stress the importance of keeping this command.

Rev. R. H. Reese and Rev. T. F. Silvers, committee.

DEEPER DEVOTION: We, your committee, feel that in the day we are living in, more emphasis should be placed on spirit-filled lives in our churches, because the more we yield to the Holy Spirit, the better He can work through us. We believe the Holy Spirit must have the right of way in our lives before God will use us. "Commit thy ways unto the Lord" — Psalms 37:5. We believe each Christian home should practice family devotions for our conversation is in Heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, Philippians 3:20.

Rev. W. L. Kell Jr. and Rev. L. D. Gray, committee.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE: We, your committee, feel that an education is essential to our young people in promoting a greater interest in our church work. It not only gives them confidence in themselves, but they are prepared for whatever they are called upon to do. Though not forgetting the leadership of the Holy Spirit. We would like to commend the Association for what they have agreed to do for one of our young men, Benny Turner, in helping him to prepare himself for the ministry, by sending him to the Bible College at Nashville, Tenn. The Bible tells us to train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. We, as parents, must set the example that we expect our young people to follow, and if we are faithful in all phases of the church work, then we can expect them to do as they have been led to do. We deem it necessary to have a Young People's League, Auxiliary, and especially good music in all our churches.

Mrs. M. B. King and Mrs. W. L. Kell, committee.

ORPHANAGE: We, your committee, recommend that the Association follow the suggestions of the former Orphanage committee. We also recom-

mend that each church contribute as much as possible to this worthy cause, and if possible that each church invite the Orphanage Concert Class to render a program in their church. We further recommend that a committee be appointed to collect produce and canned goods and see they reach the designated place to be picked up by the Orphanage truck. We suggest that each member of the Association stand by the Orphanage and its personnel with their prayer and offerings.

Rev. Ernest Strickland and Mrs. Sherlin, committee.

PASTORS' SUPPORT: We, your committee, feel that our pastors should have sufficient support from the church to allow him to give full time to the work. The Scripture says in I Cor. 9:14: "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." We believe each member of the church should tithe as this is the Bible way for church support. We suggest the churches provide means for their pastors to attend all important church meetings such as State and National Conventions. We also believe we should give him our support in prayer and with our presence at church services, and in any way that we can to help lighten the burden and help him to be the ideal pastor.

Mrs. Bynum Lance and Mrs. Flora Morgan, committee.

TEMPERANCE: We, your committee, recommend that it be placed in our minutes that we abstain from all strong drinks, such as whiskey, beer, wine or any other intoxicating beverage. We also recommend that our ministers speak out more and more against this great evil from their pulpits, in our churches and our Association. If we are to be temperate in all things we most surely ought to be temperate in the way we dress, and the clothes we wear. Many of our denominations today are against unbecoming apparel, and we recommend that more of our ministers cry out against this evil. We also recommend that we go on record in the minutes of the Blue Ridge Association, that on the recommendation of the temperance committee, that we vote and preach against unbecoming apparel.

Rev. John Cansler and Rev. Ernest Strickland, committee.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: We realize that the fields are white already unto harvest, and the laborers are few, so let's work more and pray more, for there is so much that needs to be done, and so little is being done. Let me urge the women of the Blue Ridge Association to return to your churches with a greater determination to do more in your fields that are white unto harvest already. The Lord says "go," and may I say "hurry." And my prayer is that we, as the Women's Auxiliary," as Laborers Together With God, continue to reach higher levels in spiritual strength that we may declare His glory more and more from day to day.

MRS. JOHN CANSLER, President of District Auxiliary

FINANCE: Minute and expense fund	$129.65
Voted to pay Clerk	50.00
Paper and postage	.65
Balance	79.00

SESSIONS: The next session of the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists will be held at Cragmont near Black Mountain, N .C., beginning the first Thursday in August, 1956, at 10:00 a. m.

REV. WAYNE SMITH, Moderator
MRS. R. H. REESE, Clerk.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

BEAVERDAM: President, Mrs. Howard Jackson, Candler, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. A. J. Brock, Candler, N. C.; No. of members, 14; gained this year, 4; meets every two weeks; money taken in, $192.45; money paid out, $178.46.

CANTON: President, Mrs. J. W. Phillips, Poplar St., Canton, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Pearl Green, Orange St., Canton, N. C.; No. of members, 19; gained this year, 3; meets every month; money taken in, $413.22; money paid out, $350.66.

CEDAR HILL: President, Mrs. W. L. Kell, Route 3, W. Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Weaver Cook, West Asheville, N. C.; No. of members, 12; gained this year, 2; meets every two weeks; money taken in, $500.00; money paid out, $385.00.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: President, Mrs. Flora Morgan, P. O. Box 6131, West Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Lois Rogers, 118 Belmont Ave., West

Asheville, N. C.; No. of members, 21; gained this year, 6; meets every two weeks; money taken in, $178.72; money paid out, $111.50.

MARION: President, Mrs. J. E. Floyd, Baldwin Ave., Marion, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. E. H. Brooks, Route 1, Nebo, N. C.; No. of members, 23; gained this year, 5; meets every week; money taken in, $399.27; money paid out, $376.48.

OLD FORT: President, Mrs. Stockton, Sevier, N. C.; secretary ,Glen Dale, Old Fort, N. C.; No. of members, 12; gained this year, 2; meets every two weeks; money taken in, $100.00; money paid out ,$76.00.

ROCKY PASS: President, Mrs. Keneth Frisbee, Route 1, Marion, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Gene Holland, Route 1, Marion, N. C.; No. of members, 18; gained this year, 3; meets every week; money taken in, $1097.68; money paid out, $1076.64.

SALEM: President, Mrs. Rosa Marler, Route 1, Old Fort, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Ola Burnette, Route 1, Old Fort, N. C.; No. of members, 12; meets every month; money taken in, $75.00.

SWANNANOA: President, Mrs. Claude Foster, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. John Ogle Jr., Swannanoa, N. C.; No. of members, 28; gained this year. 6; meets every two weeks; money taken in, $486.13; money paid out, $464.92.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: President, Mrs. Pink Hamelton, Waynesville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Dee Kirkpatrick, Hazelwood, N. C.; No. of members, 9; gained this year, 2; meets every month; money taken in, $587.92; money paid out, $513.67.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

BEAVERDAM: President, Walter Brown, Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Miss Nanacy Smith, Route 1, Candler, N. C.; No. of members, 28; No. of groups, 3; meets every week; we take a weekly offering; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; we have a Junior League; leader, Mrs. Ernest Strickland, Route 1, Candler, N. C.

CANTON: President, Eugene Miller, Gilbert St., Canton, N. C.; secretary, Mary Ellen Messer, Route 2, Canton, N. C.; No. of members, 55; No. of groups, 3 ;meets every Sunday; we take a weekly offering; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; we have a Junior League; leader, Mrs. Hoyle Harkins, Holtsclaw St., Canton, N. C.

CEDAR HILL: President, Wilma Brewer, West Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Joann Sprinkles, West Asheville, N. C.; No. of members, 27; No. of groups, 2; meets every Sunday; we take a weekly offering; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: President, E. G. Ball Jr., Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. E. G. Ball, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.; No. of members, 27; No. of groups, 3; meets every week; we take a weekly offering; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; we have a Junior League; leader, Mrs. Nancy Randall.

MARION: President, Homer Arrowood, Marion, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Helen Epley, Clinchfield Sta., Marion, N. C.; No. of members, 72; No. of groups ,7; meets every Sunday; we take a weekly offering; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; we have a Junior League; leader, Margie Condrey, Clinchfield Sta., Marion, N. C.

SWANNANOA: President, Lewis Metcalf, Swannanoa, N. C.; secretary, Miss Betty Lytle, Black Mountain, N. C.; No. of members, 49; No. of groups, 4; meets every Sunday; we take a weekly offering; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; we have a Junior League; leader, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Swannanoa, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

BEAVERDAM: Superintendent, Frank Sherlin, Route 3, W. Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Miss Muriel Smith, Route 1, Candler, N. C.; No. of classes, 5; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, $437.39; amount sent to Orphanage, $60.00.

CANTON: Superintendent, Elbert Roberts, Route 2, Clyde, N. C.; secretary, Miss Juanita Roper, Lewis St., Canton, N. C.; No. of classes, 9; No. of pupils, 200; kind if literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, $300.00; amount sent to Orphanage, $43.00.

CAROLEEN: Superintendent, James Coffey, Caroleen, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Coleen Phillips, Caroleen, N. C.; No. of classes, 6; No. of pupils, 189; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; amount sent to Orphanage,

$45.00.

CEDAR HILL: Superintendent, Weaver Cook, Route 4, Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Weaver Cook, Route 4, Asheville, N. C.; No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 130; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, $300.11; amount sent to Orphanage, $182.42.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Superintendent, Wayne Crow, 10 Dale St., West Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Paul Sullin, 32 Mace Ave., West Asheville, N. C.; No. of classes, 7; No. of pupils, 104; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, $451.22; amount sent to Orphanage, $50.00.

MARION: Superintendent, Donald Rumfelt, Clinchfield Sta., Marion, N. C.; secretary, Bruce Stone, Clinchfield Sta., Marion, N. C.; No. of classes, 10; No. of pupils, 216; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, $195.04; amount sent to Orphanage, $105.00.

MT. CALVARY: Superintendent, R. D. Smathers, Route 2, Marion, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Wilma Styles, Route 2, Marion, N. C.; No. of classes, 4; No. of pupils, 35; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, $21.31; amount sent to Orphanage, $17.50.

OLD FORT: Superintendent, Fleming Burleson, Old Fort, N. C.; secretary, Irene Chrisawn, Old Fort, N. C.; No. of classes, 6; No. of pupils, 75; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, $34.00.

ROCKY PASS: Superintendent, Tom Plemmons, Route 1, Nebo, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Gene Holland, Route 1, Marion, N. C.; No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 110; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, $230.00.

SALEM: Superintendent, Walter Jenkins, Route 1, Old Fort, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. J. O. Noblitt, Route 1, Old Fort, N. C.; No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 20; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, $27.16; amount sent to Orphanage, $13.50.

SWANNANOA: Superintendent, Cecil Redmond, Swannanoa, N. C.; secretary, Miss Doris McMahan, Black Mountain, N. C.; No. of classes, 11; No. of pupils, 296; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, $910.33; amount sent to Orphanage, $248.10.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Superintendent, William Mehaffey, Hazelwood, N. C.; secretary, Mary Massie, Waynesville, N. C.; No. of classes, 4; No. of pupils, 60; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, $267.99.

CHURCH REPORTS

BEAVERDAM: No. of members received, 11; by experience and baptism, 10; by letter, 1; No. of members lost, 1; by letter, 1; total increase, 10; present membership, 70; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. Ernest Ingle and Rev. Ernest Strickland; licensed ministers who hold membership with us are Harry Taylor; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; revivals, 2; held by Rev. Carl Shook and Rev. John Floyd; pastor, Rev. Ernest Strickland, Candler, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. A. J. Brock, Candler, N. C.; pastor's salary, $1546.64; revivals, $210.00; property improvements, $722.56; local charity, $18.45; other purposes, $194.07; Superannuation, $5.00; Minute fund, $10.00; Foreign Missions, $78.05; value of church property, $7200.00.

CANTON: No. of members received, 23; by experience and baptism, 19; by letter and statement, 4; No. of members lost, 2; by letter, 2; total increase, 21; last year's membership, 233; present membership, 254; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. Milton Hollifield and Rev. Richard Ward; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Raymond Riggs, Nashville, Tenn., and Rev. Jack Ramey, Wyandotte, Mich.; pastor, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Box 1045, Canton, N. C.; clerk, Jerry Messer, Valley St., Canton, N. C.; pastor's salary, $4420.00; revivals, $275.00; property improvements, $200.00; State Convention fee, $3.00; local charity, $210.86; other purposes, $457.66; Minute fund, $20.00; Superannuation, $10.00; Foreign Missions, $664.47; Orphanage, $273.42; Christian Education, $160.00; Cragmont, $30.00; value of church property, $7850.00; value of parsonage, $8000.00; value of all other church property, $2200.00.

CAROLEEN: No. of members received, 9; by experience and baptism, 3; by letter and statement, 6; No. of members lost, 6; by letter, 5; total increase, 3; last year's membership, 142; present membership, 145; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. E. O. Connelly; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Carl Shook and Rev. Keneth Frisbee; pastor, Rev. E. O. Connelly, Route 1, Forest City, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Alton Conner, Box 244, Caroleen, N. C.; pastor's salary, $3315.00; revivals, $120.00; property improvements, $899.66; State Convention fee, $5.00; local charity, $202.75; other purposes, $1079.93; Min-

ute fund, $15.00; Foreign Missions, $120.00; Orphanage, $45.00; Christian Education, $20.00; Church Finance Association, Inc., $15.00; value of church property $,50,000.00; value of parsonage, $6000.00.

CEDAR HILL: No. of members received, 15; by experience and baptism, 3; by letter and statement, 13; No. of members lost ,4; by letter, 4; total increase, 11; last year's membership, 146; present membership, 157; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. W. L. Kell Jr.; licensed ministers who hold membership with us are James Vaughn and Benny Turner; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. John Floyd and Rev. Keneth Frisbee; pastor, Rev. W. L. Kell, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. John Austen, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.; pastor's salary, $2669.47; revivals, $239.90; property improvements, $669.65; local charity, $56.32; other purposes, $300.11; Minute fund, $10.00; Superannuation, $10.00; Foreign Missions, $66.67; Orphanage, $182.42; Christian Education, $15.00; Cragmont, $7.60; value of church property, $6000.00; value of parsonage, $3000.00.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: No. of members received, 13; by experience and baptism, 1; by letter and statement, 12; No. of members lost, 3; by letter, 3; total increase, 10; last year's membership, 120; present membership, 130; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. L. D. Gray and Rev. Floyd Carver; Sundays we have preaching, twice each Sunday; No. of revivals, 3; held by Rev. John Cansler, Rev. Floyd Carver and Rev. L. D. Gray; pastor, Rev. L. D. Gray, 33 Eola Ave., West Asheville, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Edward Randall, Route 3, Box 417, West Asheville, N. C.; pastor's salor's salary, $2260.00; revivals, $147.57; property improvements, $1000.00; State Convention fee, $20.00; local charity, $51.70; other purposes $,314.33; Minute fund, $15.00; Foreign Missions, $120.25; Orphanage, $50.00; Christina Education, $100.00; value of church property, $31,000.00. value of all other church property, $800.00.

MARION: No. of members received, 33; by experience and baptism, 19; By letter and statement, 9; by restoration, 5; No. of members lost, 4; by letter, 4; total increase, 29; last year's membership, 330; present membership, 359; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. Milton Duncan, Rev. Harold O'Dear and Rev. Leroy Grant; licensed ministers who hold membership with us are, Fred Freeman; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday morning and evening; No. of Revivals, 2; held by Rev. M. Thompson, Dr. Horn and Rev. John Cansler; pastor, Rev. John Floyd, Baldwin Ave., Box 999, Marion, N. C.; clerk, Troy Ledford, Morgan Terrace, Marion, N. C.; pastor's salary, $4870.00; revivals, $939.44; property improvements, $2400.00; State Convention fee, $5.00; local charity, $145.43; other purposes, $5402.51; Minute fund, $5.00; Foreign Missions, $1939.00; Orphanage, $105.00; Christian Education, $663.00; value of church property, $55,-000.00; value of parsonage, $10,000.00; value of all other property, $35,-000.00.

MT. CALVARY: No. of members received, 3; by letter and statement, 3; No. of members lost, 3; by letter, 3; present membership, 25; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. J. C. Stockton and Rev. J. D. McCormick; pastor, Rev. J. D. McCormick, Route 1, Old Fort, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Wilma Styles, Route 2, Box 289, Marion, N. C.; pastor's salary, $370.00; revivals, $133.66; property improvements, $52.63; local charity, $49.00; Minute fund, $2.00; Foreign Missions, $111.28; Orphanage, $17.50; value of church property, $1850.00; value of all other church property, $500.00.

OLD FORT: No. of members received, 7; by experience and baptism, 7; total increase, 7; last year's membership, 168; present membership, 175; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are Rev. Charlie Wheeler, Rev. Carl Roland and Rev. William Manley; Sundays we have preaching, first, second and third; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Mr. Sparks and Rev. Mr. Stockton; pastor, Rev. Mr. Stockton, Sevier, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Irene Chrisawn Old Fort, N. C.; pastor's salary, $1200.00; revivals, $142.00; property improvements, $50.00; local charity, $60.00; Minute fund, $3.00; Foreign Missions, $70.00; Orphanage, $55.00; value of church property, $11,000.

ROCKY PASS: No. of members received, 30; by experience and baptism, 18; by letter and statement, 12; total increase, 30; last year's membership, 71; present membership, 101; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. Frank Thompson; pastor, Rev. Keneth Frisbee, Route 1, Marion, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Gene Holland, Route 1, Marion,

N. C.; pastor's salary, $1615.86; revivals, $200.00; property improvements, $864.62; local charity, $169.20; other purposes, $1365.78; Minute fund, $5.00; Foreign Missions, $240.00; Orphanage, $115.27; value of church property, $28,000.00.

SALEM: No. of members lost, 2; by death, 2,; last year's membership, 29 present membership, 27; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Thomas Silvers; Sundays we have preaching, 2nd, 4th; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. Verno Davis and Rev. Grady Fender; pastor, Rev. Coy Davis, Route 1, Box 194, Old Fort, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. J. O. Noblitt, Route 1, Box 17, Old Fort, N. C.;pastor's salary, $99.25; revivals, $17.25; State Convention fee, $1.00; local charity, $10.00; other purposes, $30.00; Minute fund, $2.00; Superannuation, $1.00; Foreign Missions, $10.00; Orphanage, $13.50; Christian Education, $1.00; Cragmont, $1.00; value of church property, $3,-200.00.

SWANNANOA: No. of members received, 45; by experience and baptism, 30; by letter and statement, 15; No. of members lost, 5; by letter, 4; by death, 1; total increase, 40; last year's membership, 321; present membership, 361; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. W. L. Moretz, Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Rev. Ralph Mumpower and Rev. Jack Hutchins; Sundays we have preaching, twice each Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. Henry Bailey, Chuckey, Tenn.; pastor, Rev. John Cansler, Swannanoa, N .C.; clerk, Mrs. Claude Foster, Black Mountain, N. C.; pastor's salary, $3895.00; revivals, $150.00; church property improvements, $2653.00; State Convention fee, $5.00; local charity, $37.15; other purposes, $4609.10; Minute fund, $20.00; Superannuation, $157.40; Home Missions, $103.78; Foreign Missions, $269.70; Orphanage, $189.26; Christian Education, $494.20; Church Finance Association, Inc., $15.16; Cragmont, $60.00; value of church property, $35,000.00; value of parsonage, $10,000.00; value of all other church property, $2675.00.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: No. of members received, 3; by letter and statement, 3; No. of members lost, 9; by expulsion and erasure, 8; by death, 1; total decrease, 6; last year's membership, 35; present membership, 29; ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. W. L. Queen; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 3;held by Rev. Frank Thompson, Rev. Martin Coble, Rev. Ted Laney and Rev. Wilburn Massey; pastor, Rev. W. L. Queen, Hazelwood, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. W. L. Queen, Hazelwood, N. C.; pastor's salary, $237.80; revivals, $181.98; church property improvements, $1471.52; local charity, $50.00; other purposes, $86.00; Minute Fund, $3.00; Superannuation, $5.00; value of church property, $8,000.00.

Total churches reporting	12
Total membership	1846
Total amount raised by all churches	$62,000.84

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Blue Ridge Ministers Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists met at Cragmont Saturday, August 20, 1955 at 10:00 a. m. Opening song, "There Will Be Showers of Blessings." Devotions by Rev. Keneth Frisbee. Scripture reading, St. John 10:14.

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. L. D. Gray ---------- 33 Eola Ave., West Asheville, N. C.
Asst. Moderator, Rev. W. L. Kell ---------- Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.
Secy.-Treas., Mrs. R. H. Reese, --------- 27 Hollywood St., Asheville, N. C.
Assistant Secretary, Rev. Keneth Frisbee --------- Route 1, Marion, N. C.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev John E. Floyd Rev. E. O. Connelly Rev. Keneth Frisbee

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Rev. John Cansler Rev. Milton Hollifield Rev. Ernest Strickland

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Rev. John Cansler, Swannanoa,N. C.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. E. O. Connelly Rev. Milton Hollifield Rev. Ernest Strickland

LICENSED AT THIS CONFERENCE

Harry Taylor and Benny Turner. J. D. McCormick came under the watchcare of the conference until the next meeting. Jimmy Vaughn and Herman Pace were licensed at a previous conference at the Cedar Hill Church, January 29, 1955. W. L. Kell was ordained at the ministers con-

ference held at the Rocky Pass Church, Saturday, October 30, 1954.

Voted that the investigating committee contact all ministers who fail to report either in person or by letter at the annual conference.

The next session of the Ministers Conference will be held at Cragmont on Saturday, October 29, 1955, at 10:00 a. m.

The next annual session of the Ministers Conference will be held at Cragmont following the Association on the first Saturday in August, 1956, at 10:00 a. m.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Revs. Milton Hollifield, John Floyd, E. O. Connelly, Ralph Mumpower, Carl Roland, R. H. Reese, Thomas Silvers, Keneth Frisbee, W. L. Queen, W. L. Kell, John Cansler, L. D. Gray, Ernest Strickland, Milton Duncan, Leroy Grant and Harold O'Dear.

Ordained ministers who joined the ministers conference this year, Rev. John Cansler, Rev. L. D. Gray and Rev. Ernest Strickland. Rev. Wayne Smith was granted a letter of recommendation from the ministers conference.

LICENTIATES

Fred Freeman, Jimmie Vaughn, Herman Pace, Benny Turner and Harry Taylor.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

REV. E. O. CONNELLY: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of members received, 9; No. baptized, 3; No. of marriages, 2: No. of funerals, 3; Received for pastoral services, $3315.00; Do you tithe? yes; Route 1, Forest City, N. C.

REV. JOHN CANSLER: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 3; No. of conversions, 59; No. of sermons preacher, 135; No. of members received, 46; No. baptized, 29; No. of marriages, 3; No. of funerals, 5; received for pastoral services, $3395.00; received for revival services, $306.00; received for all other services, $25.00; total, $3726.00; given personally to the cause, $558.90; do you tithe? Yes; Box 22, Swannanoa, N. C.

REV. JOHN E. FLOYD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals, 4; No. of conversions, 207; No. of sermons preached, 204; No. of members received, 35; No. baptized, 19: No. of marriages, 7; No. of funerals, 7; received for pastoral services, $4870.00: received for revival services, $595.00; received for all other services, $756.00; total, $6221.00; given personally to the cause, $985.00; do you tithe? Yes; Baldwin Ave., Marion, N. C.

REV. MILTON HOLLIFIELD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 4; No. of conversions, 109; No. of sermons preached, 188; No. of members received, 23; No. baptized, 19; No. of marriages, 2; No. of funerals, 6; received for pastoral services, $4420.00; received for revival services, $825.00; total, $5245.00; given personally to the cause, $540.00; do you tithe? Yes; Box 1045, Canton, N. C.

REV. KENETH FRISBEE: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 3; No. of conversions, 60; No. of sermons preached, 130; No. of members received, 30; No. baptized, 20; No. of marriages, 3; No. of funerals, 5; Received for pastoral services, $1615.86; received for revival services, $210.00; total, $1825.86; given personally to the cause, $400.00; do you tithe? Yes; Route 1, Marion, N. C.

REV. L. D. GRAY: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 23; No. of sermons preached, 135; No. of members received, 13; No. of funerals, 5; received for pastoral services, $2500.00; received for revival services, $90.00; total, $2590.00; given personally to the cause, $286.00; do you tithe? Yes; 33 Eola Ave., West Asheville, N. C.

REV. W. L. KELL: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 25; No. of sermons preached, 154; No. of members received, 15; No. baptized, 10; No. of funerals, 4; received for pastoral service, $2669.47; received for revival services, $25.00; received for all other services, $75.00; total, $2769.47; given personally to the cause,

$335.00; do you tithe? Yes; Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.

REV. CARL ROLAND: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 156; No. of sermons preached, 136; No. of members received, 7; No. baptized, 17; No. of marriages, 3; No. of funerals, 7; received for pastoral services, $750.00; received for revival services, $90.00; received for all other services, $25.00; total $865.00; given personally to the cause, $288.00; do you tithe? Yes; Clinchfield Station, Marion, N. C.

REV. ERNEST STRICKLAND: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted ,3; No. of conversions, 40; No. of sermons preached, 132; No. of members received, 11; No. baptized, 10; No. of funerals, 3; received for pastoral service, $1546.64; received for revival services, $150.00; total, $1696.64; given personally to the cause, $220.00; do you tithe? Yes; Route 1, Candler, N. C.

REV. THOMAS F. SILVERS: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 19; No. of sermons preached, 100; No. of funerals, 1; received for pastoral services, $651.63; received for revival services, $122.78; total, $774.78; do you tithe? Yes; Box 127, Old Fort, N. C.

REV. W. L. QUEEN: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, helped in, 3; No. of conversions, 16; No. of sermons preached, 48; No. of members received, 3; No. of funerals, 5; received for pastoral services, $237.80; received for all other services, $25.00; total, $262.80; given personally to the cause, $295.00; do you tithe? Yes; Box 385, Hazelwood, N. C.

REV. M. B. DUNCAN: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 3; No. of conversions, 34; No. of sermons preached, 65; No. of funerals, 2; received for pastoral services, $4.20; received for revival services, $80.00; received for all other services, $26.51; total, $146.71; given personally to the cause, $110.30; do you tithe? Yes; Route 1, Box 1901, Marion, N. C.

LICENSED MINISTERS' REPORTS

REV. JAMES E. VAUGHN: No. of sermons preached, 20; No. of conversions, 2; total received for all services, $23.00; given personally to the cause, $200.00; do you tithe? Yes; 71 Glendale Ave., Biltmore, N. C.

REV. HERMAN PACE: No. of revivals conducted, helped in, 1; No. of sermons preached, 34; No. of conversions, 25; received for revival services, $11.19; received for all other services ,$27.09; total, $38.28; 10 Lewis St., Canton, N. C.

REV. MILTON HOLLIFIELD, Moderator
MRS. R. H. REESE, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION, MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. This body shall be known as the Ministers' Conference of the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

2. This Conference is formed under and by the authority of the Blue Ridge Association and shall be composed of its ordained and licensed ministers.

3. It shall have entire jurisdiction over the ministry in said Association, issuing license, and prescribing qualifications for the ministry, conducting examinations and ordaining ministers, and at all times working for the most harmonious and effective ministry. Each licensed minister shall work under a license for a period of not less than one year; then he may be ordained if the ordaining council deems it necessary.

4. We deem it necessary for the protection of the Gospel, not to accept anyone as a minister who has two living wives.

5. Each minister will be required to preach and teach tithing as the means of church support.

6. Following the union meeting held on Saturday before each Fifth Sunday, the Ministers' Conference will be held. Each minister will be required to attend and report on his work at each conference unless providentially hindered; then he shall report by letter.

7. The officers of this Conference shall be a moderator and a secretary-treasurer, who shall be elected for a term of two years, and shall perform the duties usually performed by such officers. They shall enter upon the duties of said office at the close of the current session. The moderator may not succeed himself.

8. This Conference shall have power to make such by-laws and other regulations as may be necessary for the performance of its duties.

9. This Constitution may be amended at any regular annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds.

BY-LAWS, MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. The regular meeting of this conference shall be held annually immediately following the Association. The conference shall meet each Fifth Sunday in connection with the Union Meeting.

2. Each member shall report at each annual and Fifth Sunday meeting either in person or by letter.

3. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum at all regular or legally called meetings.

4. The moderator may call a special meeting of the conference at any time upon the request of three members.

5. At each annual meeting there shall be elected an Ordaining Council of three members whose duty shall be to examine candidates and grant license, conduct ordinations, etc., and report at each annual meeting.

6. Licentiates shall pursue a definite course of study under the direction of the ordaining council.

7. At each annual meeting there shall be elected an investigating committee of three members, whose duty shall be to investigate applicants for membership, and license and other investigations they may be called on to make.

8. Necessary expenses of this organization shall be met by voluntary contributions or by assessment of its members.

9. No member shall serve as pastor of a church which does not enforce discipline, and care for their pastor, and contribute to the United Program of our State, according to their ability, and strive to go forward in spiritual progress and the upbuilding of God's Kingdom.

10. No member shall meddle with the work of another or injure his reputation for usefulness, but watch over each other and thus promote harmony among the membership.

11. Each member, not excused because of age or infirmities, is expected to do some work to advance the cause of Christ and make a full report at each annual meeting.

12. Membership in this body shall be proof of good standing in the ministry. A membership card shall be issued to each member at the annual meeting upon payment of $2.00. This fee to be placed in the Conference Treasury to pay necessary expenses, and for the promotion of the cause of Christ.

13. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote at any annual meeting.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to the Lord, through Jesus Christ, we agree to accept the Free Will Baptist articles of faith; we give ourselves to each other by the help of God. 2. We solemnly covenant before God that we will carefully observe, rebuke and admonish those having gone astray and watch over each other's reputation, use our influence to the upbuilding of the church, commands implied in a profession of faith, and in the spirit of kindness and for the advancement of the cause of Christ, endeavoring to seek the unity of the spirit in the bonds of Peace, and to confess our faults to one another, and to strengthen those who are weak. 3. We promise by the help of God, that we will faithfully practice family and secret prayer and strive to cultivate the doctrine of God's revealed Word in the minds of those under our care. 4. We also agree to use our influence for the support to the Gospel and contribute liberally to aid the ministry according to our several abilities. Also we agree to be liberal with those who are afflicted and needy, and especially to those of the household of faith. 5. We also agree to attend the monthly meetings regularly if not Providentially hindered, and to submit to all ordinances applied in a profession of faith. 6. We also agree to abstain from all sinful and vain amusements. 7. We also agree to abstain from all intoxicating liquors; not to use it as a beverage, nor aid or assist in the manufacture of such, nor to furnish it to others. We also agree to encourage home and foreign missions, education, Sabbath Schools, good morals and everything that is for the glory of God, and to the welfare of men, and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless until the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, that we may be happily ad-

mitted into the Kingdom of God, where we can ascribe honor unto the Lamb forever. Amen.

THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION

—of the—

ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

-of-

NORTH CAROLINA

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1

This Association shall be known as the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

ARTICLE 2

The objects of this Association shall be: to promote unity, fraternity, fellowship, and cooperation; and to encourage and engage in larger Christian enterprises that cannot be carried on by a single church. To combine and direct the energies of the Free Will Baptists within its bounds in one sacred effort to encourage and promote the general spread of the Gospel; and the causes of the united program.

ARTICLE 3

1. This Association shall be composed of all ordained and licensed ministers, and of delegates chosen and sent by each church in its bounds, who shall be duly recommended by the church to which they belong.

2. The following Auxiliaries of each church are entitled to one delegate each: the Sunday School, the Ladies' Auxiliary, and the Free Will Baptist League. No church shall be entitled to more than five (5) delegates.

3. Each church and its Auxiliaries may represent by letter and a donation for the expenses of the Association and the causes it fosters.

4. This Association disclaims the right to exercise lordship over the churches, or to have any power which entitles it to infringe upon the internal affairs or rights of any of the churches composing it. Each church shall consider its internal affairs to be its own business; but it shall not disrespect the Association and those who are placed in authority by the proper processes.

ARTICLE 4

An accused church has the same right as an individual in the church: to have specific charges presented in writing, a fair opportunity for defense, and to be considered innocent until proved guilty.

ARTICLE 5

This Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented by letter or delegates.

ARTICLE 6

Churches coming from another denomination will be carefully and satisfactorily examined as to doctrine before being received as members.

ARTICLE 7

1. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator and Assistant Moderator, and Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, and Field Superintendent, who shall be elected for a term of two years, entering up their said duties of said offices at the close of the current session.

2. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator shall not succeed themselves in election. However, the Assistant Moderator may be elected Moderator.

3. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over all the meetings of the Association.

4. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to preside in the absence of the Moderator.

5. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Association in a business-like manner, and to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and the distribution of said Minutes, and to give over all properties belonging to his or her office to his or her duly successor. The Clerk shall be paid a fee for services—an amount fixed by the Association. Minutes of the Association shall be sent to all visiting

Free Will Baptist ministers.

6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds belonging to the Association, and to disburse same as directed by the Association. The Treasurer shall be bonded for an amount sufficient to cover all money coming into their hands.

7. It shall be the duty of the Historian to keep a record of such items of interest as may be useful in the future; to preserve the same in a book. He or she shall also keep a file of the Minutes. He or she shall give over all materials and property to his or her successor in office.

8. It shall be the duty of the field superintendent to encourage the work in general in this Association. He shall promote every phase of the program. He shall visit the churches, and in every way possible assist them in doing greater things for God's glory. He shall promote unity and fellowship among the ministers, and their churches. He shall supply for any pastor who shall be providentially kept from his work. He shall be paid a salary agreed upon by the Association. He shall receive an offering at all churches, the same to be turned over to the Association to help maintain this work.

ARTICLE 8

At each annual session the Moderator shall appoint such committees as the Association may direct. It shall be the duty of these committees to report at the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE 9

The following Directors shall be elected annually: Director for young people's work; Director for the Women's Auxiliary work—who shall be responsible to do all the work they can to promote the work in these departments in each church in this Association. They shall encourage cooperation with the State League and Ladies' Auxiliary Organization.

ARTICLE 10

The Executive Board shall consist of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Field Superintendent, and three members elected from the floor. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to have the supervision of the work of the Association between sessions. The Moderator and Clerk, by virtue of their offices, shall be chairman and secretary, rsepectively, of the Board.

ARTICLE 11

It shall be the duty of the Association to encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an all-sufficient Saviour, having made salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the Gospel, which is freely offered to all.

ARTICLE 12

Any church seeking membership in this Association shall furnish evidence that there is a deed on record made to the Trustees of said Free Will Baptist church and their successors in office, and after a satisfactory examination as to their doctrine and fellowship and disposition toward the united program, may be received as members.

ARTICLE 13

We will have a union meeting on Saturday before each Fifth Sunday, for the furtherance of every phase of the work of this Association. This meeting shall be composed of all members and two delegates from each church.

ARTICLE 14

This Association shall adopt the Treatise of the Faith and Government of the National Treatise of the Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE 15

A church may become a member of this Association by petition, or by letter, or by delegates, and by adopting the Treatise and Articles of Faith and Government, and the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association.

ARTICLE 16

This Association shall be governed by the rules laid down in Roberts' or Hastings' Rules of Order.

ARTICLE 17

This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the First Sunday in August.

ARTICLE 18

The Minutes of each meeting of this Association shall be printed, the

Constitution and By-Laws of the Association, and Constitution and By-Laws of the Ministers' Conference; also the Church Covenant.

ARTICLE 19

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting of the Association.

BY-LAWS OF THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION —of the— ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS -of- NORTH CAROLINA

ARTICLE 1

A session of this Association shall meet annually.

ARTICLE 2

This Association shall be opened and closed with suitable devotions.

ARTICLE 3

There shall be no conversation by members, one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.

ARTICLE 4

Every person wishing to speak, shall first arise and address the Moderator ,and be recognized before speaking.

ARTICLE 5

No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

ARTICLE 6

Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

ARTICLE 7

No member shall speak on any one subject more than twice, except by permission of the moderator.

ARTICLE 8

Every motion made and seconded shall be acted upon unless withdrawn by the person who made it.

ARTICLE 9

A motion before the house must be acted upon before another motion can be made.

ARTICLE 10

On all motions acted upon, the majority vote shall prevail.

ARTICLE 11

The Moderator shall have the privilege to speak on any subject as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

ARTICLE 12

We shall admit no other title while in session but that of Brother and Sister.

ARTICLE 13

No member shall absent himself from the body without permission of the Moderator.

ARTICLE 14

Any person transgressing these By-Laws shall be admonished by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 15

No less than nine (9) members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 16

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular annual meeting by two-thirds vote.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. GOD: We believe that there is only one true and living God who is personally the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus who gave Himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time. I Tim. 2:5.

2. THE HOLY SCRIPTURE: We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of His church. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and instruction in righteousness.

3. ORIGINAL APOSTASY: We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved

his posterity in sin. "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eyes and a tree desired to make one wise, she took the fruit thereof and did eat and gave to her husband with her and he did eat."—Gen. 3:6.

4. FREE GRACE: We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessing, that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. "For there is no difference between Jews and Greeks for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him."—Rom. 10:12.

5. CHRISTIAN FAITH: We believe that Christian faith is the belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture, that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not on the son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth in him."—John 3:36.

6. REPENTANCE: We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin. "Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry but that ye sorrowed to repentance, for ye were made sorry after a Godly manner that ye might receive damage by us in nothing, for Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of but the sorrow of the world worketh death."—II Cor. 7:9-10.

7. FREE AGENCY: We believe that the human will is free and that men have ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures. "He that shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."—Micah 6:8.

8. PERSEVERANCE: We do not believe, under Gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; that it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of their faith and turn again to sin and finally be lost. "And Jesus said unto him: 'No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God'."—Luke 9:62.

9. GOOD WORKS: We believe that good works are the results of faith and not necessity; that those who have faith will do works of righteousness while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable to God. "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire, wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."
—Matt. 7:19-20.

10. CHRISTIAN BAPTISM: We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be Scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."
Rom. 6: 4.

11. THE LORD'S SUPPER: We believe the supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance, that it was instituted for Christians and that all Christians should unite in sacred services regardless of name or denomination. "But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."—I. Cor. 11:28-29.

12. FEET WASHING: We believe that washing the saint's feet was a command of our Saviour and that His followers ought to practice the same. We urge the pastors of all churches to encourage the practical obedience of this command, especially among the members of our churches. "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet."—St. John 13:14.

13. THE GOSPEL: We believe it to be the duty of all churches to support the Gospel. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel."—I Cor. 9:14.

CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of_____, at _____, N. C., send Christian salutation to The Blue Ridge Association and the following delegates represent us:

_____, _____

_____, _____

_____, _____

Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are:

_____, _____

_____, _____

Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are:

_____, _____

_____, _____

STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE

No. of members received_____; By experience and baptism_____; By letter and statement_____; By restoration_____; No. of members lost_____; By letter_____; by expulsion and erasure_____ ; By death_____; Total increase_____ or decrease_____; Last year's membership_____; Present membership_____.

Sundays we have preaching:_____

No. of revivals_____; Held by:

_____

_____

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor _____

Address _____

Clerk _____

Address _____

Pastor for next year_____

Address _____

Clerk for next year_____

Address _____

FINANCIAL REPORT

Pastor's Salary $_____; Revivals $_____; Church; Property improvements $_____; State Convention fee $_____; Local Charity $_____; Other purposes $_____; General fund $_____;

UNITED PROGRAM

Superannuation $_____; Foreign Missions $_____; Orphanage $_____; Christian Education $_____; Church Finance Association, Inc. $_____; Cragmont $_____;

CHURCH HOLDINGS

Value of Church Property $_____; Value of Parsonage $_____; Value of all other Church property $_____.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Superintendent_____; Address_____
Secretary_____; Address_____
No. of classes_____; No. of pupils_____; Kind of Literature used_____; Expenses $_____;
Amount sent to Orphanage $_____.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

President_____ Address_____
Secretary_____; Address_____
No. of members_____; Gained this year_____; Meets every_____;
Money taken in $_____; Money paid out $_____.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

President_____ Address_____
Secretary_____; Address_____
No. of members_____; No. of groups_____; Meets every_____;
Do you take a weekly offering?_____; Kind of literature used_____
_____; Do you have a Junior League?_____;
Leader_____; Address_____

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By order of the Church in conference, this the_____day of_____, 195__
_____, Moderator
_____, Clerk

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL

YEAR OF 195__, TO 195__

No. of churches pastored_____; No. of revivals conducted_____; No. of conversions_____; No. of sermons preached_____; No. of members received_____; No. baptized_____; No. of marriages_____; No. of funerals_____.

Received for pastoral service . . . . . $_____

Received for revival service . . . . . $_____

Received for all other services . . . . . $_____

TOTAL . . . . . $_____

Given personally to the Cause . . . . . $_____

Do you tithe?_____.

Minister _____

Address _____

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1956 Minutes

of the

Blue Ridge Association

of the

Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina

Held at Cragmont.
Black Mountain, N. C.
August 2, 3, 4, 1956

NEXT SESSION

Of The Blue Ridge Association of The Original Free Will Baptists will be held at Cragmont, beginning on Thursday before the First Sunday in August, 1957. at 10:00 a. m.

Rev. Milton Hollifield, Moderator ..... Box 1045, Canton, N. C.
Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, Asst. Moderator ..... Route 1 Marion, N. C.
Mrs. R. H. Reese, Clerk ..... 27 Hollywood St., Asheville, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS

Commencing on Thursday, August 2, 1956, at 10 a.m. Opening Assembly. Congregational singing led by James C. Coffey. Welcome to Cragmont by Rev. J. E. Wooten. Response to welcome, Rev. L. D. Grey. Devotions by Rev. Kenneth Frisbee. Introductory of Business session. Names of churches called and delegates seated. Visiting ministers welcomed.

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Milton Hollifield.....Box 1045, Canton, N. C.
Assistant Moderator, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee.....Route 1, Marion, N. C.
Clerk, Mrs. R. H. Reese.....27 Hollywood St., Asheville, N. C.
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Treasurer, Rev. W. L. Kell Jr.....Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.
Field Superintendent, Rev. Thomas F. Silvers....Box 127, Old Fort, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. John Floyd.....Marion, N. C.
Rev. R. H. Reese.....Asheville, N. C.
Rev. Kenneth Frisbee.....Route 1, Marion, N. C.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. Milton Hollifield Rev. Jimmie Vaughn Mrs. R. H. Reese

LOCAL MISSION BOARD

Revs. L. D. Grey, Milton Hollifield, Kenneth Frisbee, Ernest Strickland, and Bro. Cline Messer.

VISITING MINISTERS WELCOMED

Revs. Bayles McDonald, Nashville, Tenn.; K. V. Shutes, Nashville, Tenn.; James Lupton, New Bern, N. C.; H. E. Willis, Greensboro, N. C.; R. H. Jackson, Middlesex, N. C.; George Reynolds and J. A. Collins, French Broad Association; Dan Walker.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

BEAVERDAM: Mr. and Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. Ruth Jackson, Mrs. Frank Sherlin.
CANTON: Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Roberts, Mrs. Hoyle Harkins, Mrs. Edith Stamey, Mrs. Lassie Wells, Mrs. W. B. Norris.
CAROLEEN: Mr. Alton Connor, Mr. Paul Deese, Mr. James Coffey, Mr. W. C. Laws.
CEDAR HILL: Mrs. Walter Spivey, Mrs. Maude King, Mrs. P. W. Wilson.
HORNEY HEIGHTS: Mrs. Bynum Lance, Mrs. Wayne Crowe, Mrs. Ed Coleman, Mrs. Flora Morgan, Mr. Joe Randall.
MARION: Mr. Dan Walker, Mr. Lewis Martin, Mr. Herman Elliott, Mrs. Doss Buchanan, Mrs. J. E. Floyd.
MT. CALVARY: Mrs. Bessie McCoyle, Mrs. Nola Manis, Mrs. Mattie Smathers.
OLD FORT: Irene Chrisawn, Lois Silvers, Hazel Allison, Viola Hinson, Marie Parker.
ROCKY PASS: Mrs. Kenneth Frisbee, Mrs. Gene Holland.
SALEM: Mrs. Rosa Marler, Mrs. Dullie Davis, Mrs. Annie Jenkins.
SWANNANOA: Mrs. A. L. Wilson, Mrs. Cline Messer, Mr. Allen Messer, Mrs. T. A. Pitman, Mrs. Cline Messer.
SULPHUR SPRINGS: Mrs. Carl Miller, Mrs. Hattie Faulkner, Judy Faulkner, Irene Hicks.
GLEN ALPINE: Represented by Pastor, Rev. Leroy Grant.

11:00 A. M. SERVICE

Song service by the congregation. Introductory Message by Rev. Curtis Beculhimer, Elizabethton, Tenn. Scripture, Romans 10:13-15.

1:30 P. M. SERVICE

Opening song: "To the Work." Devotions by Rev. Billy Turner. Appointment of committees by the moderator. Visiting Speakers, Rev. E. B. McDonald, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. K. V. Shutes, Sec. for National Board of Superannuation, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. H. E. Willis, Representing F.W.B. Press and State Missions, Greensboro, N. C., Rev. R. H. Jackson, F.W.B. Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C., Offering for the Orphanage, $26.28. Report of Womans' Auxiliary by Mrs. Flora Morgan.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Bros. Elbert Roberts and Walter Jenkins.
HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS: J. C. Coffey and Paul Deese.
EDUCATION: Rev. Kenneth Frisbee and Bro. Allan Messer.
SUPERANNUATION: Revs. John Floyd and Ernest Strickland.
LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: Rev. R. H. Reese, and Rev. T. F. Silvers.
DEEPER DEVOTION: Rev. W. L. Kell and Rev. L. D. Gray.
MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE: Standing Report.
ORPHANAGE: Rev. Leroy Grant and Mrs. Lucille Holly.
PASTORS' SUPPORT: Mrs. Eynum Lance and Mrs. Flora Morgan.
TEMPERANCE: Rev. Ernest Strickland, and Mrs. Edith Stamey.
OBITUARIES: Mrs. Hoyle Harkins, and Mrs. Spivey.
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Mrs. W. L. Kell and Rev. Benny Turner.
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: Mrs. Flora Morgan and Mrs. King.
PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Jimmie Vaughn, and Mrs. R. H. Reese.
LOCAL MISSION BOARD: Revs. L. D. Gray, Milton Hollifield, Kenneth Frisbee, Ernest Strickland, and Bro. Cline Messer.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Song service by the congregation. Devotions conducted by Rev. Ernest Strickland. Message by Rev. Osborne, visiting minister.

FRIDAY 10:00 A. M.

The Assembly opened with congregational singing. Devotions conducted by Rev. R. H. Reese. Scripture reading II Peter 4:10. Report and comments on Young People's work by Bro. Allen Messer. The Association voted to pay Bro. Benny Turner's tuition for another year at the Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.

FRIDAY 11:00 A. M.

Singing by the congregation. Prayer by Bro. Osborne. Message by Rev. W. L. Kell, "Faith of Free Will Baptist." Scripture: II Timothy 2:16.

FRIDAY 1:30 P. M.

Singing by the congregation. Devotions conducted by Rev. Fred Silvers. Business session. Committee reports read and approved. Voted to omit calling names of churches in arrears with their pledges to the Mrs. Stevens Foreign Mission Fund.

A motion was made to have the next session of the Association held with one of the Churches. Motion was defeated.

Voted to take offering for visiting Minister who preaches the introductory sermon.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the Rev. and Mrs. Wooten for kindness shown us during this Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance last year	$ 101.00
Received this year	557.69
Total	$ 658.69
Paid out	426.25
Balance in Treasury	$ 232.44

REPORT OF THE MRS. STEVENS FOREIGN MISSION FUND

By Churches: Mt. Calvary, $120.00; Rocky Pass, $120.00; Swannanoa, $120.00; Marion, $30.00; Canton, $180.00; Total, $570.00. All churches who have pledged to this fund are requested to keep sending your pledges to Rev. Milton Hollifield, Box 1045, Canton, N. C., treasurer.

Move to adjourn until Thursday before the first Sunday in August 1957 to meet at Cragmont. Dismissed by Rev. E. O. Connelly.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: We, your committee, recommend that each church have a Sunday School, with all officers and teachers being Christians and members of said church. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6. We believe all parents should bring their children up in Sunday School.

ELBERT ROBERTS AND WALTER JENKINS, Committee.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS: We, your committee, see a greater need of support of our mission work. We cannot all go but we can all help to send those that are called by God into the field. We feel that the response would be greater if our pastors would stress the need for Mission work. "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" Romans 10:14-15.

JAMES COFFEY AND PAUL DEESE, Committee.

EDUCATION: We, your committee, feel that with educational standards as high as they are today, there is a greater need for Christian education than ever before. Since the Word of God is the sword of the Spirit, and our only defensive weapon against Satan, it is a poor soldier who is unacquainted with it and unskilled in its use. We should not ignore Paul's teaching in II Timothy 2:15. The person who is ignorant of God's Word is the person who is deceived. We make the following recommendations: 1st, that our children should be educated in the Word of God as much as possible while they are small, according to Proverbs 22:6. 2nd, that our young people be urged to attend colleges of our denomination. It seems we are losing them every year to other denominational colleges. 3rd, that the people of the Blue Ridge Association, especially ministers, take advantage of the educational opportunity we now have at Cragmont. 4th, that our churches be sure to keep up their associational dues in order that the young man who has been adopted by our association can be sure his tuition will be paid at the Bible College. 5th, that we continue to support our educational enterprises to the best of our ability. Last year's report adopted.

REV. KENNETH FRISBEE AND BRO. ALLEN MESSER, Com.

SUPERANNUATION: We, your committee, feel that each church in our Association should have part in the State and National Superannuation programs of our denomination. We also feel that each church should send something each month to our Superannuation Board, for the aged men of God. We recommend that our churches send larger contributions to the Superannuation Board, so they will be able to send larger checks to our superannuated ministers and their widows. Many of these ministers and their widows are badly neglected, and a small amount from each church sent regularly will turn the tide in their favor. Last year's report adopted.

REVS. JOHN FLOYD AND ERNEST STRICKLAND, Committee

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: The Lord has commanded that we remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. A great many church members are breaking this commandment by using the Sabbath as a day for sport and pleasure, thereby neglecting the Sunday School and church services. We urge parents to teach their children the importance of Sabbath observance, restraining them from engaging in games of sport on that day. We also urge our pastors to stress the importance of keeping this command.

REV. R. H. REESE AND REV. T. F. SILVERS, Committee

DEEPER DEVOTION: We, your committee, feel that in the day we are living in, more emphasis should be placed on spirit-filled lives in our churches, because the more we yield to the Holy Spirit, the better He can work through us. We believe the Holy Spirit must have the right of way in our lives before God will use us. "Commit thy ways unto the Lord"—Psalms 37:5. We believe each Christian home should practice family devotions, for our conversation is in Heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 3:20.

REV. W. L. KELL, JR., AND REV. L. D. GRAY, Committee

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE: We, your committee, feel that an education is essential to our young people in promoting a greater interest in our church work. It not only gives them confidence in themselves, but they are prepared for whatever they are called upon to do, though not forgetting the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The Bible tells us to train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. We are proud to have three young men out of our churches to attend the Bible College in preparation for God's work. We, as parents, must set the example that we expect our young people to follow, and if we are faithful in all phases of the church work, then we can expect them to do as they have been led to do. We deem it necessary to have a Young People's League, Auxiliary, and especially good music in all our churches.

MRS. W. L. KELL AND REV. BENNY TURNER, Committee

ORPHANAGE: We, your committee, recommend that the Association follow the suggestions of the former Orphanage Committee. We also recommend that each church in this Association adopt a child from the orphanage to clothe, and that the child be alowed to visit the church once a year.

We recommend that each church contribute as much as possible to this worthy cause, and if possible that each church invite the Orphanage Concert Class to render a program in their church. We further

recommend that a committee be appointed to collect produce and canned goods and see they reach the designated place to be picked up by th Orphanage truck. We suggest that each member of the Association stand by the Orphanage and its personnel with their prayer and offerings.

REV. LEROY GRANT AND MRS. LUCILLE HOLLY, Committee

PASTOR'S SUPPORT: We, your committee, feel that our pastors should have sufficient support from the church to allow him to give full time to the work. The Scripture says in I Cor. 9:14: "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." We believe each member of the church should tithe as this is the Bible way for church support. We suggest the churches provide means for their pastors to attend all important church meetings such as State and National Conventions. We also believe we should give him our support in prayer and with our presence at church services, and in any way that we can to help lighten the burden and help him to be the ideal pastor.

MRS. BYNUM LANCE AND MRS. FLORA MORGAN, Comm.

TEMPERANCE: We, your committee, recommend that we as Free Will Baptist take a greater stand on Temperance, that our preachers speak out against the evil of intoxicating beverages. We also recommend that parents instruct heir children as to the evils of strong drink, immodest dress. We feel the reason for so much juvenile delinquency today is because parents have failed to teach their children in the ways of the Lord. We feel that if all our people will be temperate in all things, dress in modest apparel and abstain from intoxicating beverages or anything that would bring reproach to the cause of Christ, we would have better churches, better communities to live in, and will have accomplished something for the Glory of God.

REV. ERNEST STRICKLAND AND MRS. EDITH STAMEY,

Committee

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: We, your committee, urge that all our women work zealously with three objectives in mind. First, to be mission minded, for in failing to do so we defeat the purpose for which Christ died. Second, to support our pastors in every work they attempt for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom. Third, to support every enterprise of our denomination to the best of our ability and all work that we may be a spiritual as well as a financial blessing to our Association, our Denomination, and the cause of Christ.

MRS. FLORS MORGAN AND MRS. KING, Committee

SESSIONS: The next session of the Blue Ridge Association of the original Free Will Baptists will be held at Cragmont near Black Mountain, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in August, 1957, at 10:00 a.m.

REV. MILTON HOLLIFIELD, Moderator

MRS. R. H. REESE, Secretary

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

BEAVERDAM: President, Mrs. Eugene Quinn, Candler, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. A. J. Brock, Candler, N. C.; No. of members, 9; Gained this year, 1: Meets every two weeks; Money taken in, $176.11; Money paid out, $258.93.

CANTON: President, Mrs. W. B. Norris, Holtsclaw St., Canton, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Pearl Green, 26 Orange St., Canton, N. C. No. of members, 22; Gained this year, 3; Meets every two weeks; Money taken in, $1520.97; Money paid out, $142.59.

CEDAR HILL: President, Mrs. P. W. Wilson, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Curtis Ellege, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C. No. of members, 14; Gained this year, 2; Meets every two weeks. Money taken in, $578.56; Money paid out, $552.21.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: President, Mrs. L. D. Gray; Secretary, Mrs. Ed Coleman, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C. No. of members, 18; Gained, this year, 3; Meets every two weeks; Money taken in, $230.16; Money paid out, $166.78.

MARION: President, Mrs. J. E. Floyd, Marion, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. E. H. Brooks, Route 1, Nebo, N. C. No. of members, 30; Gained this year, 5; Meets every week; Money taken in, $287.91; Money paid out, $233.45.

OLD FORT: President, Mrs. R. C. Stockton, Route 3, Box 2148, Marion, N. C.; Secretary, Una Burleson, Route 1, Old Fort, N. C. No. of members, 17; Gained this year, 4; Meets every 2 weeks; Money taken in, $1,000; Money paid out, $868.84.

ROCKY PASS: President, Mrs. Kenneth Frisbee, Route 1, Marion, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Gene Holland, Route 1, Marion, N.C. No. of members, 10; Meets every 2 weeks; Money taken in, $1630.71; Money paid out, $1543.34.

SALEM: President, Mrs. Edna Jenkins, Old Fort, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Ola Burnette, Old Fort, N. C. No. of mebmers, 17; Gained this year, 2; Meets every month; Money taken in, $465.96; Money paid out, $465.13.

SWANNANOA: President, Mrs. Lewis Metcalf, Swannanoa, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Perry Buckner, Swannanoa, N. C. No. of members, 24; Gained this year, 2; Meets every 2 weeks; Money taken in, $474.00; Money paid out, $467.42.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: President, Mrs. Pink Hampton, Waynesville, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Paul Massie, Waynesville, N. C. No. of members, 7; Meets every month; Money taken in, $477.00; Money paid out, $411.70.

GLEN ALPINE: President, Mrs. Leroy Grant, Clinchfield Sta., Marion, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Hellen Fox, Route 2, Box 287, Morganton, N. C. No. of members, 14; Gained this year, 6; Meets every 2 weeks; Money taken in, $131.45; Money paid out, $68.33.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

CANTON: President, Eugene Miller, Gilbert St., Canton, N. C.; Secretary, Carmie Tabor, Route 2, Canton, N. C. Number of members, 65; No. of groups, 3; Meets every week; we take a weekly offering; kind of literature used, F.W.B. and Bible; We have a junior league; Leader, Mrs. Roy Duckett, Holtsclaw St., Canton, N. C.

CEDAR HILL: President, Roy Wilson, Asheville, N. C. Secretary, Betty Wilson, Asheville, N. C.; No. of members, 57; No. groups, 2; meets every week; we take a weekly offering; kind of literature used, F.W.B. We have a junior league; Leader, Ernest Burleson, Asheville, N. C.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: President, Mrs. Hugh Boulden, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Wayne Crowe, 10 Dale St. West Asheville, N. C. No. of members, 45; No. of groups, 3; Meets every week; We take a weekly offering; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. We have a junior league; Leader, Mr. Edward Randall, Route 3, Box 417, West Asheville, N. C.

MARION: President, Roger Floyd, Box 999, Marion, N. C. Secretary, Elvanda Finley, Route 1, Nebo, N. C. No. of members, 51; No. of groups, 3; Meets every week; We take a weekly offering; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. We have a junior league; Leader, Christine Martin, Clinchfield Station, Marion, N. C.

ROCKY PASS: President, Bruce Dean Frisbee, Clinchfield Station, Marion, N. C. Secretary, Miss Louise Lavender, Route 3, Marion, N. C. No. of members, 42; No. of groups, 3; Meets every week; We take a weekly offering; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.

SWANNANOA: President, Paul Gragg, Swannanoa, N. C. Secretary, Miss Geneva Brotherton, Swannanoa, N. C. No. of members, 49; Meets every week; We take a weekly offering; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Leader, Mrs. Von Maney, Swannanoa, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

BEAVERDAM: Superintendent, Frank Shuler, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C. Secretary, Miss Muriel Smith, Candler, N. C. No. of classes, 5; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, $817.25; Amount sent to Orphanage, $60.00.

CANTON: Superintendent, Elbert Roberts, Route 2, Clyde, N. C. Secretary, Miss Anita Keener, North Main St., Canton, N. C.; No. of classes, 9; No. of pupils, 200; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, $300.00; Amount sent to Orphanage, $55.00.

CAROLEEN: Superintendent, Alton Connor, Caroleen, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Colon Phipps, Caroleen, N. C. No. of classes, 7; No. of pupils, 147; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Amount sent to Orphanage, $25.00.

CEDAR HILL: Superintendent, Weaver, Route 4, Asheville, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Weaver Cook, Route 4, Asheville, N. C. No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 135; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, $414.46; Amount sent to Orphanage, $148.20.

GLEN ALPINE: Superintendent, Eugene Powell, Route 2, Box 286, Morganton, N. C.; Secretary, Betty Mills, Route 2, Box 287, Morganton, N. C.; No. of classes, 4; No. of pupils, 31; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, $104.87; Amount sent to Orphanage, $34.87.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Superintendent, Mr. Paul Sullins, 32 Mace Ave. West Asheville, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Flora Morgan, Route 2, Candler, N. C. No. of classes, 7; No. of pupils, 180; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, $678.94; Amount sent to Orphanage, $20.00.

MARION: Superintendent, V. E. Condrey, Clinchfield Station, Marion, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Jackey Finley, Clinchfield Station, Marion, N. C.; No. of classes, 10; No. of pupils 175; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Expenses, $179.80; Amount sent to Orphanage, $87.30.

MT. CALVARY: Superintendent, R. D. Smathers, Route 2, Marion, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Wilma Styles, Route 2, Marion, N. C.; No. of classes, 3; No. of pupils, 53; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, $26.26; Amount sent to Orphanage, $22.95.

OLD FORT: Superintendent, Hermon Chrisawn, Old Fort, N. C.; Secretary, Flem Burleson, Route 1, Old Fort, N. C.; No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 80; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, $40.00.

ROCKY PASS: Superintendent, Lewis Holland, East Marion, N. C.; Secretary, Donald Holland, East Marion, N. C.; No. of classes, 7; No. of pupils, 140; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, $660.00; Amount sent to Orphanage, $150.00.

SALEM: Superintendent, Mr. James Davis, Old Fort, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Annie Jenkins, Old Fort, N. C.; No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 45; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, $144.07; Amount sent to Orphanage, $12.00.

SWANNANOA: Superintendent, Ray Nichols, Swannanoa, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Doris Hampton, Route 1, Black Mtn., N. C.; No. of classes, 11; No. of pupils, 296; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, $1200.45; Amount sent to Orphanage, $150.00.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Superintendent, William Mehaffey, Hazelwood, N. C.; Secretary, May Massie, Waynesville, N. C.; No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 50; Kind of literature used, F.W.B.; Expenses, $145.00.

Total Sunday Schools	13
Average attendance	1532
Expenses	$4711.10
Amount sent to Orphanage	$ 665.32
Total Woman's Auxiliaries	11
Membership	180
Amount taken in	$6973.03

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CHURCH REPORTS

BEAVERDAM: No. of members received, 8; By experience and baptism, 7; By letter and statement, 1; No. of members lost, 2; By letter, 2; Total increase, 6; Last years membership, 70; Present membership, 76; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Ernest Ingle and Rev. Ernest Strickland; Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are, Harry Taylor; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2, held by Rev. Carl Shook and Rev. Nathan Holt; Pastor, Rev. Ernest Strickland, Route 1, Box 533, Candler, N. C.; Clerk, Mrs. A. J. Brock, Candler, N. C.; Pastors salary, $2000.00; Revivals, $200.00; Property improvements, $969.96; Local charity, $138.54; Other purposes, $229.93; Superannuation, $5.00; Foreign missions, $55.00; Orphanage, $60.00; Associational fund, $28.80; Value of church property, $7200.00; Value of all other church property, $1000.00.

CANTON: No. of members received, 35; By experience and baptism, 26; By letter and statement, 9; No. of members lost, 15; By expulsion and erasure, 13; By death, 2; Total increase, 20; Last years membership, 254; Present membership, 274; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Milton Hollifield and Rev. Richard Ward; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 3; held by, Rev. Harold Pitts, Winfield, Ala., Rev. Frank Thompson, Johnson City, Tenn., and Rev. Curtis Beculhimer, Elizabethton, Tenn. Pastor, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Box 1045, Canton, N. C. Clerk, Jerry Messer, Valley St., Canton, N. C.; Pastors salary, $4420.00; Revivals, $506.00; Property improvements, $178.80; State Convention fee, $2.00; Local Charity, $42.14;

Associational fund, $569.25; Building fund, $7,392.15; Superannuation, $25.00; Foreign Missions, $542.00; Orphanage, $267.00; Christian Education, $85.00; Cragmont, $25.00; Home Missions, $25.00; Value of Church Property, $7,000.00; Value of Parsonage, $8,000.00; Value of all other Church property, $2,200.00.

CAROLEEN: No. of members received, 23; By experience and baptism, 14; By letter and statement, 9; By restoration, 1; No. of members lost, 5; By letter, 3; By death, 2; Total increase, 15; Last year's membership, 136; Present membership, 154; Sundays we have preaching, each Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; Held by: Rev. Griffin, and Rev. Lunsford. Pastor, Rev. E. O. Connelly; Clerk, Mrs. Alton Conner; Address, Caroleen, N. C., Box 244; Pastor's salary, $2,990.00; Revivals, $90.00; Property improvements, $268.74; State Convention fee, $10.00; Other purposes, $1366.05; Superannuation, $15.64; Foreign Missions, $15.00; Orphanage, $40.00; Church Finance Association, Inc., $49.75; Value of Church Property, $50,000.00; Value of Parsonage, $6,000.00.

CEDAR HILL: No. of members received, 15; By experience and baptism, 10; By letter and statement, 3; By restoration, 2; No. of members lost, 2; By letter, 1; By death, 1; Total increase, 13; Last years membership, 146; Present membership, 159; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. W. L. Kell, Jr.; Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Benny Turner; preaching each Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; Held by Rev. John Floyd and Rev. Frank Thompson. Pastor, Rev. W. L. Kell, Jr.; Address, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.; Clerk, Mrs. John Austin, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.; Clerk for next year, Mrs. M. B. King; Address, Deaverview Road, West Asheville; Pastor's Salary, $2715.62; Revivals, $250.00; Property improvements, $665.47; Other purposes, $230.36; General fund, $100.00; Foreign Missions, $77.20; Orphanage, $148.20; Christian Education, $223.22; Association, $44.61; Value of Church Property, $6500.00; Value of Parsonage, $4500.00.

GLEN ALPINE: No. of members received, 5; by letter and statement, 5; No. of members lost, 2; by expulsion and erasure, 2; Total increase, 3; last year's membership, 33; present membership, 36; Sundays we have preaching, 2 services each Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Revs. J. E. Floyd and Kenneth Frisby; Pastor, Rev. Leroy Grant; address, Clinchfield Station, Marion, N. C.; Clerk, Essie Epley, address, Box 562, Glen Alpine, N. C.; Pastor's salary, $408.50; Revivals, $113.00; property improvements, $400.00; other purposes, $32.96; value of church property, $4400.00.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: No. of members received, 15; by experience and baptism, 5; by letter and statement, 10; No. of members lost, 5; by letter, 5; total increase, 10; last years membership, 130; present membership, 140; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. L. D. Gray; Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Ed Coleman, and Rev. Vernon Piercy; Sundays we have preaching, twice each Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. E. R. Tyner, Stanley, N. C., and Rev. Nathan Holt, Gastonia, N. C.; Pastor, Rev. L. D. Gray; Address, c/o Horney Heights Church; Clerk, Mrs. Edward Randall, Rt. 3, Box 417, West Asheville, N. C. Pastor's salary, $3339.00; Revivals, $185.10; Property improvements, $276.32; State Convention fee, $10.00; Local Charity, $103.34; Other purposes, $295.57; General fund, $412.32; Superannuation, $12.00; Foreign Missions, $22.00; Orphanage, $42.00; Christian Education, $231.80; Church Finance Association, Inc., $14.00; Cragmont, $47.50; value of church property, $31,000.00; building fund, $1141.02.

MARION: No. of members received, 11; by experience and baptism, 6; by letter and statement, 5; No. of members lost, 5; by letter, 4; by death, 1; total increase, 6; last years membership, 206; present membership, 212; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Harold O'dear and Rev. Fred Freeman; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; Radio program Sunday 8:00 a.m.; No. of revivals, 2; held by, Rev. John Cansler and Rev. Milton Hollifield; Pastor, Rev. J. E. Floyd, P.O. Box 999, Marion, N. C. Clerk, Troy Ledford, Morgan Terrace, Marion, N. C. Pastor's salary, $4680.00; Revivals, $220.00; Church property improvements, $780.00; State Convention fee, $5.00; local charity, $268.41; Other purposes, $7577.23; General fund, $22.10; Foreign Missions, $1230.85; Orphanage, 61.80; Christian Education, $154.09; Church Finance Association, $42.50; Cragmont, $385.00; value of church property, $55,000.00; value of all other church property, $65,000.00.

MT. CALVARY: No. of members received, 14: by experience and baptism, 5: by letter and statement, 9; No. of members lost, 4; by letter, 1; by death, 3; total increase, 10; last years membership, 25; present membership, 35: Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by, Rev. John Cansler, Rev. Reid and Rev. Griffin; Pastor, Rev. J. D. McCormick, Route 1, Old Fort, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. Wilma Styles, Rt. 2, Marion, N. C. Pastor's salary, $222.23: Revivals, $37.89; Church Property improvements, $300.00: local charity, $31.00; Minute fund, $2.00; Foreign Missions, $120.00; value of church property, $1800.00; value of all other church property, $800.00.

OLD FORT: No. of members received, 7; by letter and statement, 7; No. of members lost, 4; by letter, 3; by death. 1: total increase, 2; last years membership, 85; present membership, 87; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. William Manley, Rev. Carl Roland, Rev. Fred Silvers and Rev. Charlie Wheeler: we have preaching every Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. Wilcox; Pastor, Rev. R. C. Stockton, Rt. 3; Box 214B, Marion, N. C. Clerk, Irene Chrisawn, Old Fort, N. C. Pastors salary, $2400.00; Revivals, $47.00; local charity, $25.00; Minute fund, $2.00; Foreign Missions, $30.00; Orphanage, $63.00; value of church property, $20,000.

ROCKY PASS: No. of members received, 39; by experience and baptism, 26; by letter and statement, 13; No. of members lost, 1; by letter 1; total increase, 38; last years membership, 101; present membership, 139; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee; Sundays we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. Frank Thompson; Pastor, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, Route 1, Marion, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. Gene Holland, Route 1, Marion, N. C. Pastors salary, $3125.00; Revivals, $200.00; church property improvements, $2148.19; local charity, $460.60; other purposes, $1180.31; Superannuation, $10.00; Foreign Missions, $400.80; Orphanage, $150.00; value of church property, $30,000.00.

SALEM: No. of members received, 13; by experience and baptism, 3; by letter and statement, 10; No. members lost, 7; last years membership, 27; present membership, 33; preaching every Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Kenneth Frisbee; Pastor, Rev. James Vaughn, Biltmore, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. Gertrude Noblitt, Old Fort, N. C. Pastor for next year, Rev. Homer Arrowood, Marion, N. C.; Pastors salary, $952.35; revivals, $78.84; Church property improvements, $1000.00; local charity, $108.60; Superannuation, $2.50; Foreign Missions, $3.75; Orphanage, $14.00; Cragmont, $11.57; value of church property, $4200.00.

SWANNANOA: No. of members received, 21; by experience and baptism, 16; by letter and statement, 5; No. of members lost, 10; by letter, 9; by expulsion and erasure, 1; total increase, 11; last years membership, 362; present membership, 373; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. W. L. Moretz, Rev. John Cansler, Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Rev. Ralph Mumpower and Rev. Jack Hutchins; preaching every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Frank Thompson, Johnson City, Tenn. and Rev. W. L. Gilton, Johnson City, Tenn. Pastor for next year, not elected; Clerk, Mrs. Claude Foster, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C. Pastors salary, $4335.00; Revivals, $400.00: Church property improvements, $2024.00; State Convention fee, $5.00; Local charity, $35.00; other purposes, $6989.41; general fund, $1231.46; Superannuation, $129.53; Foreign Missions, $328.22; Orphanage, $136.93; Education, $629.10; Church Finance Association, $27.35; Cragmont, $109.45; value of Church Property, $55,000.00; value of parsonage, $10,000.00; value of all other church property, $2675.00.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: No. of memmbers received, 13; by experience and baptism, 4; by letter and statement, 9; total increase, 13; last years membership, 29; present membership, 42; Ordained Ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. W. L. Queen; we have preaching every Sunday; No. revivals, 2; held by Rev. Vernon Hensley, Rev. Stockton and Rev. Ted Laney; Pastor, Rev. W. L. Queen, Box 385, Hazelwood, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. W. L. Queen, Box 385, Hazelwood, N. C. Pastors salary, $148.84; Church property improvements, $443.00; other purposes, $680.90; Foreign Missions, $12.10; Orphanage, $24.00; Church Finance Association, $8.00; value of church property, $10,000.00.

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Total churches	13
Total membership	1764
Total amount raised by all churches	$ 77,620.15
Total value of all church property	$354,016.00

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Ministers Conference of the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptists met at Cragmont, Saturday, August 4, 1956 at 10:00 a.m. Opening song, "Standing On The Promises." Devotions by, Rev. Jimmy Vaughn. Scripture reading, 1st Peter, 1-5.

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. L. D. Gray.....33 Eola Ave., West Asheville, N. C.
Asst. Moderator, Rev. W. L. Kell..... Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.
Secy.-Treas., Mrs. R. H. Reese.....27 Hollywood St., Asheville, N. C.
Asst. Secretary, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee..... Route 1, Marion, N. C.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, Rev. Ernest Strickland

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Rev. L. D. Gray Rev. R. H. Reese Rev. Thomas F. Silvers

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Rev. Ernest Strickland, Candler, N. C.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Ernest Strickland, Rev. John Floyd

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Revs. Milton Hollifield, John Floyd, Ralph Mumpower, Carl Roland, R. H. Reese, Thomas Silvers, Kenneth Frisbee, W. L. Queen, W. L. Kell, John Cansler, L. D. Gray, Ernest Strickland, Milton Duncan, Leroy Grant, Jimmy Vaughn, J. D. McCormick and Herman Pace.

LICENTIATES

Harry Taylor, Benny Turner, Homer Arwood. Allen Messer was taken under the watchcare of the conference until the next meeting.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

J. D. McCormick and Hermon Pace, to be ordained Saturday night, August 11, 1956 at the Mt. Calvary Church, Rev. Milton Hollifield will give the charge. Jimmy Vaughn was ordained March 3, 1956 at the Salem Church.

Voted in a special session of the Ministers Conference that it be placed in the minutes that we will not license or ordain women as ministers.

Voted that all ordination services be held in one of the churches in a special service, the time and place will be named by the ordaining council and the ones seeking ordination.

Voted that any member of the Ministers Conference who fails to report either in person or by letter for five consecutive meetings, their name will automatically be dropped from the roll, subject to replacement upon request.

Voted that the ordaining council sign all license and ordaination certificates.

Rev. E. O. Connelly was granted a letter of recommendation from the Blue Ridge Ministers Conference.

The next session of the Ministers Conference will be held at the Canton church, Canton, N. C. on Saturday, Sept. 29, 1956.

The next annual session of the ministers conference will be held at Cragmont in connection with the Association on Saturday before the first Sunday in August, 1957 at 10:00 a.m.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

REV. JOHN CANSLER: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 121; No. of sermons preached, 149; No. of members received, 34; No. baptized, 25; No. of marriages, 3; No. of funerals, 11; Received for pastoral services, $3640.00; Received for revival services, $41.00; Received for all other services, $20.00; Total, $3701.00; Given personally to the cause, $910.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Swannanoa, N. C.

REV. JOHN E. FLOYD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 5; No. of conversions, 436; No. of sermons preached, 234; No. of members received, 11; No. baptized, 83; No. of marriages, 5; No. of funerals, 9; Received for pastoral services, $4680.00; Received for revival services, $1192.00; Received for all other services, $35.00; Total, $5907.00; Given personally to the cause, $1476.25; Do you tithe, Yes; P.O. Box 999, Marion, N. C.

REV. KENNETH FRISBEE: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 90; No. of sermons preached, 160; No. of members received, 39; No. baptized, 27; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 5; Received for pastoral services, $3125.00; Received for revival services, $85.00; Total, $3210.00; Amount given personally to the cause, $400.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Rt. 1, Marion, N. C.

REV. LEROY GRANT: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of conversions, 17; No. of sermons preached, 92; No. of members received, 5; No. of funerals, 2; Received for pastoral services, $408.50; Given personally to the cause, $316.75; Do you tithe, Yes; Clinchfield Station, Marion, N. C.

REV. MILTON HOLLIFIELD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 6; No. of conversions, 95; No. of sermons preached, 197; No. of members received, 35; No. baptized, 26; No. of funerals, 12; Received for pastoral services, $4420.00; Received for revival services, $725.00; Total, $5145.00; Given personally to the cause, $565.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Box 1045, Canton, N. C.

REV. W. L. KELL: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of conversions 45; No. of sermons preached, 135; No. of members received, 13; No. baptized, 10; No. of marriages, 2; No. of funerals, 3; Received for pastoral service, $2715.62; Received for all other services, $155.00; Total, $2870.62; Given personally to the cause, $310.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.

REV. J. D. McCORMICK: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 20; No. of sermons preached 110; No. of members received, 14; No. baptized 7; No. of funerals, 1; Received for pastoral service, $222.23; Received for revival service, $10.00; Received for all other services, $60.00; Total $292.23; Given personally to the cause, $140.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Rt. 1, Old Fort, N. C.

REV. HERMAN PACE: No. of revivals conducted, helped in 2; No. of conversions, 26; No. of sermons preached, 41; No. baptized, 8; Received for all services, $40.49; 10 Lewis St., Canton, N. C.

REV. W. L. QUEEN: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, helped in 2; No. of conversions, 7; No. of sermons preached, 50; No. of members received, 13; No. baptized, 7; No. of funerals, 5; Received for pastoral service, $148.84; Received for all other services, $10.00; Total, $158.84; Given personally to the Cause, $250.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Box 385, Hazelwood, N. C.

REV. THOMAS F. SILVER: Field Superintendent; No. of conversions, 50; No. of sermons preached, 150; No. of funerals, 2; Received for all services, $230.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Box 127, Old Fort, N. C.

REV. ERNEST STRICKLAND: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 18; No. of sermons preached, 150; No. of members received, 14; No. baptized, 8; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 4; Received for pastoral service, $2000.00; Received for revival service, $80.00; Received for all other services, $25.00; Total, $2105.00; Given personally to the Cause, $300.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Route 1, Candler, N. C.

REV. L. D. GRAY: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 16; No. of sermons preached, 70; No. of members received, 15; No. baptized, 4; No. of funerals, 6; Received for pastoral service, $3339.00; Received for revival services, $85.00; Received for all other services, $10.00; Total, $3434.00; Given personally to the Cause, $372.50. 33 Eola Ave., West Asheville, N. C.

REV. BENNY TURNER: No. of conversions, 3; No. of sermons preached, 17; No. of funerals, 1; Received for all services, $25.00; Given personally to the Cause, $20.00; Rt. 3, Box 174, West Asheville, N. C.

REV. JAMES VAUGHN: No. of churches, pastored, 1; No. of conversions, 13; No. of sermons preached, 64; No. of members received, 20; No. baptized, 5; No. of funerals, 2; Received for pastoral service, $939.35; Received for all other services, $37.40; Total, $976.75; Do you tithe, Yes; 71 Glendale Ave., Biltmore, N. C.

REV. L. D. GRAY, Moderator
MRS. R. H. REESE, Secretary

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CONSTITUTION, MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. This body shall be known as the Ministers' Conference of the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

2. This Conference is formed under and by the authority of the Blue Ridge Association and shall be composed of its ordained and licensed ministers.

3. It shall have entire jurisdiction over the ministry in said Association, issuing license, and prescribing qualifications for the ministry, conducting examinations and ordaining ministers, and at all times working for the most harmonius and effective ministry. Each licensed minister shall work under a license for a period of not less than one year; then he may be ordained if the ordaining council deems it necessary.

4. We deem it necessary for the protection of the Gospel, not to accept anyone as a minister who has two living wives.

5. Each minister will be required to practice, preach and teach tithing as the means of church support.

6. Following the union meeting held on Saturday before each Fifth Sunday, the Ministers' Conference will be held. Each minister will be required to attend and report on his work at each conference unless providentially hindered; then he shall report by letter.

7. The officers of this Conference shall be a moderator and a secretary-treasurer, who shall be elected for a term of two years, and shall perform the duties usually performed by such officers. They shall enter upon the duties of said office at the close of the current session. The moderator may not succeed himself.

8. This Conference shall have power to make such by-laws and other regulations as may be necessary for the performance of its duties.

9. This Constitution may be amended at any regular annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds.

BY-LAWS, MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. The regular meetings of this conference shall be held annually immediately following the Association. The conference shall meet each Fifth Sunday in connection with the Union Meeting.

2. Each member shall report at each annual and Fifth Sunday meeting either in person or by letter.

3. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum at all regular or legally called meetings.

4. The moderator may call a special meeting of the conference at any time upon the request of three members.

5. At each annual meeting there shall be elected an Ordaining Council of three members whose duty shall be to examine candidates and grant license, conduct ordinations, etc., and report each annual meeting.

6. Licentitates shall pursue a definite course of study under the direction of the ordaining council.

7. At each annual meeting there shall be elected an investigating committee of three members, whose duty shall be to investigate applicants for membership, and license and other investigations they may be called on to make.

8. Necessary expenses of this organization shall be met by voluntary contributions or by assessment of its members.

9. No member shall serve as pastor of a church which does not enforce discipline, and care for their pastor, and contribute to the United Program of our State, according to their ability, and strive to go forward in spiritual progress and the upbuilding of God's Kingdom.

10. No member shall meddle with the work of another or injure his reputation for usefulness, but watch over each other and thus promote harmony among the membership.

11. Each member, not excused of age or infirmities, is expected to do some work to advance the cause of Christ and make a full report at each annual meeting.

12. Membership in this body shall be proof of good standing in the ministry. A membership card shall be issued to each member at the annual meeting upon payment of $2.00. This fee to be placed in the Conference Treasury to pay necessary expenses, and for the promotion of the cause of Christ.

13. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote at any annual meeting.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to the Lord, through Jesus Christ, we agree to accept the Free Will Baptist articles of faith; we give ourselves to each other by the help of God. 2. We solemnly covenant before God that we will carefully observe, rebuke and admonish those having gone astray and watch over each other's reputation, use our influence to the upbuilding of the church, commands implied in a profession of faith, and in the spirit of kindness and for the advancement of the cause of Christ, endeavoring to seek the unity of the spirit in the bonds of Peace, and to confess our faults to one another, and to strengthen those who are weak. 3. We promise by the help of God, that we will faithfully

practice family and secret prayer and strive to cultivate the doctrine of God's revealed Word in the minds of those under our care. 4. We also agree to use our influence for the support to the Gospel and contribute liberally to aid the ministery according to our several abilities. Also we agree to be liberal with those who are afflicted and needy, and especially to those of the household of faith. 5. We also agree to attend the monthly meetings regularly if not Providentially hindered, and to submit to all ordinances applied in a profession of faith. 6. We also agree to abstain from all sinful and vain amusements. 7. We also agree to abstain from all intoxicating liquors; not to use it as a beverage, nor aid or assist in the manufacture of such, nor to furnish it to others. We also agree to encourage home and foreign missions, education, Sabbath Schools, good morals and everything that is for the glory of God, and to the welfare of men, and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless until the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, that we may be happily admitted into the Kingdom of God, where we can ascribe honor unto the Lamb forever. Amen.

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CONSTITUTION
— of —
THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
— of the —
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
NORTH CAROLINA

ARTICLE 1

This Association shall be known as the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

ARTILCE 2

The objects of this Association shall be: to promote unity, fraternity, fellowship, and cooperation; and to encourage and engage in larger Christian enterprises that cannot be carried on by a single church. To combine and direct the energies of the Free Will Baptists within its bounds in one sacred effort to encourage and promote the general spread of the Gospel; and the causes of the united program.

ARTICLE 3

1. This Association shall be composed of all ordained and licensed ministers, and of delegates chosen and sent by each church in its bounds, who shall be duly recommended by the church to which they belong.

2. The following Auxiliaries of each church are entitled to one delegate each: the Sunday School, the Ladies' Auxiliary, and the Free Will Baptist League. No church shall be entitled to more than five (5) delegates.

3. Each church and its Auxiliaries may represent by letter and a donation for the expenses of the Association and the causes it fosters.

4. This Association disclaims the right to exercise lordship over the churches, or to have any power which entitles it to infringe upon the internal affairs or rights of any of the churches composing it. Each church shall consider its internal affairs to be its own business; but it shall not disrespect the Association and those who are placed in authority by the proper processes.

ARTICLE 4

An accused church has the same right as an individual in the church: to have specific charges presented in writing, a fair opportunity for defense, and to be considered innocent until proved guilty.

ARTICLE 5

This Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented by letter or delegates.

ARTICLE 6

Churches coming from another denomination will be carefully and satisfactorily examined as to doctrine before being received as members.

ARTICLE 7

1. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator and Assistant Moderator, and Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, and Field Superintendent, who shall be elected for a term of two years, entering up their said duties of said offices at the close of the current session.

2. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator shall not succeed themselves in election. However, the Assistant Moderator may be elected Moderator.

3. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over all the meetings of the Association.

4. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to preside in the absence of the Moderator.

5. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Association in a business-like manner, and to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and the distribution of said Minutes, and to give over all properties belonging to his or her office to his or her duly successor. The Clerk shall be paid a fee for services—an amount fixed by the Association. Minutes of the Association shall be sent to all visiting Free Will Baptist ministers.

6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds belonging to the Association, and to disburse same as directed by the Association. The Treasurer shall be bonded for an amount sufficient to cover all money coming into their hands.

7. It shall be the duty of the Historian to keep a record of such items of interest as may be useful in the future; to preserve the same in a book. He or she shall also keep a file of the Minutes. He or she shall give over all materials and property to his or her successor in office.

8. It shall be the duty of the field superintendent to encourage the work in general in this Association. He shall promote every phase of the program. He shall visit the churches, and in every way possible assist them in doing greater things for God's glory. He shall promote unity and fellowship among the ministers, and their churches. He shall supply for any pastor who shall be providentially kept from his work. He shall be paid a salary agreed upon by the Association. He shall receive an offering at all churches, the same to be turned over to the Association to help maintain this work.

ARTICLE 8

At each annual session the Moderator shall appoint such committees as the Association may direct. It shall be the duty of these committees to report at the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE 9

The following Directors shall be elected annually: Director for young people's work; Director for the Women's Auxiliary work—who shall be responsible to do all the work they can to promote the work in these departments in each church in this Association. They shall encourage cooperation with the State League and Ladies' Auxiliary Organization.

ARTICLE 10

The Executive Board shall consist of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Field Superintendent, and three members elected from the floor. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to have the supervision of the work of the Association between sessions. The Moderator and Clerk, by virtue of their offices, shall be chairman and secretary, respectively, of the Board.

ARTICLE 11

It shall be the duty of the Association to encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an an all-sufficient Saviour, having made salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the Gospel, which is freely offered to all.

ARTICLE 12

Any church seeking membership in this Association shall furnish evidence that there is a deed on record made to the Trustees of said Free Will Baptist church and their successors in office, and after a satisfactory examination as to their doctrine and fellowship and disposition toward the united program, may be received as members.

ARTICLE 13

We will have a union meeting on Saturday before each Fifth Sunday, for the furtherance of every phase of the work of this Association. This meeting shall be composed of all members and two delegates from each church.

ARTICLE 14

This Association shall adopt the Treatise of the Faith and Government of the National Treatise of the Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE 15

A church may become a member of this Association by petition, or by letter, or by delegates, and by adopting the Treatise and Articles of Faith and Government, and the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association.

ARTICLE 16

This Association shall be governed by the rules laid down in Roberts' or Hastings' Rules of Order.

ARTICLE 17

This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the First Sunday in August.

ARTICLE 18

The Minutes of each meeting of this Association shall be printed, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association, and Constitution and By-Laws of the Ministers' Conference; also the Church Covenant.

ARTICLE 19

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting of the Association.

BY-LAWS OF THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION — of the — ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

ARTICLE 1—A session of this Association shall meet annually.

ARTICLE 2—This Association shall be opened and closed with suitable devotions.

ARTICLE 3—There shall be no conversation by members, one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.

ARTICLE 4—Every person wishing to speak, shall first arise and address the Moderator, and be recognized before speaking.

ARTICLE 5—No member shall interrupt anotner while speaking.

ARTICLE 6—Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

ARTICLE 7—No member shall speak on any one subject more than twice, except by permission of the moderator.

ARTICLE 8—Every motion made and seconded shall be acted upon unless withdrawn by the person who made it.

ARTICLE 9—A motion before the house must be acted upon before another motion can be made.

ARTICLE 10—On all motions acted upon, the majority vote shall prevail.

ARTICLE 11—The Moderator shall have the privilege to speak on any subject as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

ARTICLE 12—We shall admit no other title while in session but that of Brother and Sister.

ARTICLE 13—No member shall absent himself from the body without permission of the Moderator.

ARTICLE 14—Any person transgressing these By-Laws shall be admonished by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 15—No less than nine (9) members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 16—These By-Laws may be amended at any regular annual meeting by two-thirds vote.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. GOD: We believe that there is only one true and living God who is personally the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus who gave Himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time. I Tim. 2:5.

2. THE HOLY SCRIPTURE: We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of His church. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reprcof, for correction and instruction in righteousness.

3. ORIGINAL APOSTASY: We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eyes and a tree desired to make one wise, she took the fruit thereof and did eat and gave her husband with her and he did eat."—Gen. 3:6.

4. FREE GRACE: We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessing, that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation,

that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. "For there is no difference between Jews and Greeks for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him."—Rom. 10:12.

5. CHRISTIAN FAITH: We believe that Christian faith is the belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture, that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not on the son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth in him."—John 3:36.

6. REPENTANCE: We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin. "Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry but that ye sorrowed to repentance, for ye were made sorry after a Godly manner that ye might receive damage by us in nothing, for Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of but the sorrow of the world worketh death."—II Cor. 7:9-10.

7. FREE AGENCY: We believe that the human will is free and that men have ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures. "He that shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."—Micah 6:8.

8. PERSEVERANCE: We do not believe, under Gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; that it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of their faith and turn again to sin and finally be lost. "And Jesus said unto him: 'No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God'."—Luke 9:62.

9. GOOD WORKS: We believe that good works are the results of faith and not necessity; that those who have faith will do works of righteousness while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable to God. "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire, wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."—Matt. 7:19-20.

10. CHRISTIAN BAPTISM: We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be Scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."—Rom. 6:4.

11. THE LORD'S SUPPER: We believe the supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance, that it was instituted for Christians and that all Christians should unite in sacred services regardless of name or denomination. "But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."—I. Cor. 11:28-29.

12. FEET WASHING: We believe that washing the saint's feet was a command of our Saviour and that His followers ought to practice the same. We urge the pastors of all churches to encourage the practical obedience of this command, especially among the members of our churches. "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet."—St. John 13:14.

13. THE GOSPEL: We believe it to be the duty of all churches to support the Gospel. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel."—I Cor. 9:14.

CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of.....
at....., N. C., send Christian salutation to The Blue Ridge Association and the following delegates represent us:

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Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are:

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Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are:

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STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE

No. of members received.....; By experience and baptism.....; By letter and statement.....; By restoration.....; No. of members lost.....; By letter.....; by expulsion and erasure.....; By death.....; Total increase..... or decrease.....; Last year's membership.....; Present membership.....

Sundays we have preaching:.....

No. of revivals.....; Held by:

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OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor .....

Address .....

Clerk .....

Address .....

Pastor for next year.....

Address .....

Clerk for next year.....

Address .....

FINANCIAL REPORT

Pastor's Salary $.....; Revivals $.....; Church Property improvements $.....; State Convention fee.....; Local Charity $.....; Other purposes $.....; Association expenses Fund .....

UNITED PROGRAM

Superannuation $.....; Foreign Missions $.....; Orphanage $.....; Christian Education $.....; Church Finance Association, Inc. $.....; Cragmont $.....

CHURCH HOLDINGS

Value of Church Property $.....; Value of Parsonage $.....; Value of all other Church property $.....

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Superintendent .....; Address.....

Secretary.....; Address.....

No. of classes.....; No. of pupils.....; Kind of Literature used .....; Expenses $.....; Amount sent to Orphanage $.....

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

President ....., Address.....

Secretary.....; Address.....

No. of members..... ; Gained this year.....; Meets every.....; Money taken in $.....; Money paid out $.....

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

President ....., Address .....

Secretary....., Address.....

No. of members.....; No. of groups ..... ; Meets every.....;

Do you take a weekly offering?..... ; Kind of literature used.....

..... ; Do you have a Junior League?..... ;

Leader.....; Address .....

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By order of the Church in conference, this the ..... day of ....., 195....

....., Moderator

....., Clerk

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MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF

195..... , TO 195.....

No. of churches pastored ..... ; No. of revivals conducted .....;

No. of conversions..... ; No. of sermons preached ..... ; No. of members received.....; No. baptized .....; No. of marriages ..... ; No. of funerals .....

Received for pastoral service . . . . . $.....

Received for revival service . . . . . $.....

Received for all other services . . . . . $.....

TOTAL . . . . . $.....

Given personally to the Cause . . . . . $.....

Do you tithe? .....

Minister .....

Address .....

Edwards Ptg. Co. Burnsville, N. C.

MINUTES

of the

FOURTH ~~Second~~ Annual Session

of the

Blue Ridge Association

of the

Original Free Will Baptists

of

North Carolina

HELD AT CRAGMONT

Black Mountain, North Carolina

AUGUST 2, 3, 4, 1957

The next session of the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists will be held at Cragmont, beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in August, 1958, at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Milton Hollifield, *Moderator*.....Box 1045, Canton, N. C.

Mrs. R. H. Reese, *Clerk*.....95 Cisco Road, Asheville, N. C.

Stevens Ptg. Co., Burnsville, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

Commencing on Thursday, August 1, 1957, at 10:00 a.m. Opening Assembly. Congregational singing led by Rev. Clyde Coxe. Welcome to Cragmont by Rev. Wayne Smith. Devotions by Rev. Jimmy Vaughn. Introductory of business session and adoption of program. By-laws read by the moderator. Names of churches called and delegates seated. All visitors made welcome by the moderator.

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Milton Hollifield ..... Box 1045, Canton, N. C.
Assistant, Rev. Wayne Smith ..... Swannanoa, N. C.
Clerk, Mrs. R. H. Reese ..... 95 Cisco Rd., Asheville, N. C.
Assistant, Rev. Clyde Coxe ..... Box 193, Caroleen, N. C.
Historian, Mrs. Flora Morgan ..... P. O. Box 163, West Asheville, N. C.
Treasurer, Rev. W. L. Kell, Jr. ..... Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.
Field Supt., Rev. Jimmy Vaughn ..... 71 Glendale Ave., Biltmore, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Milton Hollifield, Chairman; Rev. Wayne Smith, Mrs. R. H. Reese, Mrs. Flora Morgan, Rev. W. L. Kell, Rev. Jimmy Vaughn, Rev. L. D. Gray, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee and Rev. Clyde Coxe.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. W. L. Kell, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee and Rev. Clyde Coxe, Publicity agent.

LOCAL MISSION BOARD

Rev. L. D. Gray, Rev. John Floyd, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, Rev. Wayne Smith, Bro. Cline Messer.

VISITING MINISTERS WELCOMED

Rev. S. A. Smith, Superintendent of Orphanage Middlesex, N. C. Rev. James Lupton, New Bern, N. C. Representative from the Eastern Conference. Rev. J. E. Wooten, Representative from the Central Conference. Rev. James A. Evans, Rev. N. B. Barrow, Rev. Lee Whaley.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

CANTON: Mr. W. B. Norris, Mr. W. O. Murr, Mrs. Hoyle Harkins, Mr. W. L. Kell, Mr. Elmer Keener, Mr. Harold Thompson.

CAROLEEN: Mr. Paul Deese, Mr. Bill Mills.

CEDAR HILL: Mrs. Stella Wilson, Mrs. Maude King, Mrs. W. L. Kell,

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Mrs. Allie Self, Mrs. Catherine Boulden, Mrs. Bynum Lance, Mrs. Gunner.

MARION: Mrs. Doris Buchanan, Mrs. Carl Radford, Mrs. J. E. Floyd, Rev. J. E. Floyd, Harry Harkerode, Volena Wilson, Pat Buchanan.

MT. CALVARY: Mrs. Goldman Cook, Mrs. J. D. McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson.

OLD FORT: Mrs. William H. Manley, Mrs. Hardy Henson, Mrs. Fred Silvers, Mr. T. F. Silvers.

ROCKY PASS: Ranz Lavender, Mrs. Kenneth Frisbee, Christine Trent.

SALEM: Mrs. Walter Jenkins, Mrs. Pauline Clontz.

SWANNANOA: Mrs. T. A. Pitman, Mrs. Cline Messer, Mrs. Mildred Smith, Mrs. A. L. Wilson, Mrs. Paul Gregg.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Mrs. Fred Chandler, Mrs. Carl Miller, Mrs. W. L. Queen, Miss Ila Chandler, Mrs. Dee Kirkpatrick, Buddy Chandler.

GLEN: ALPINE:

11:00 A.M. SERVICE

Opening song; "Heavenly Sunlight, by congregation. Devotions by Rev. L. D. Gray, Scripture reading, Psalms 5:1-10. Prayer by Rev. S. A. Smith. Special singing by Rev. Clyde Coxe. Introductory message by Rev. Milton Hollifield, Scripture, Eph. 5-25, Sol. 6-10. Closed with a Christian handshake, dismissed by Rev. Clyde Owen.

1:30 P.M. SERVICE

Opening song: "Hold The Fort." Song: "Stand By Me." by Rev. Clyde Coxe. Devotions by Rev. Leroy Grant. Voted to omit the appointment of committees until Friday and appoint committees to write all new reports and present them at the next session of the Association. Voted to accept last years committee reports for the minutes this year. Brief talks were heard at this time by the following representatives. Rev. Allen Messer, ree Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn. Rev. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive Junior College, Mount Olive, N. C. Missions, Miss Volena Wilson, Missionary to India. Orphanage, Rev. S. A. Smith, Middlesex, N. C.

Special singing at this time by a group of children from the Orphanage. Recitation, "When The Preacher Comes Home To Tea," by Bobby Ray.

Report of Ladies Auxiliary: By Mrs. Bynum Lance. Report of Masters Men Organization, by Rev. Wayne Smith. Brief discussions were heard on the Mrs. Stevens Foreign Mission Fund, and all churches were urged to continue sending their pledges, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Box 1045, Canton, N. C. treasurer. Rev. Wayne Smith and Rev. Kenneth Frisbee appointed as committee on committees.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Ranz Lavender, Ray Nichols.
HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS: Kitty Buchanan, Wilma Styles.
EDUCATION: Ira Smith, Benny Turner.
SUPERANNUATION: Elmer Keener, Bynum Lance.
LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: Rev. Fred Silvers, Rev. Jimmy Vaughn.
DEEPER DEVOTIONS: T. E. Silvers, James Grogan.
YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE: Vaughn Maney, Paul Deese.
ORPHANAGE: Mrs. Fred Chandler, Mrs. Hoyle Harkins.
PASTOR'S SUPPORT: Mrs. Maude King, Mrs. Hugh Boulden.
TEMPERANCE: Bob Wilburn, Mr. Powell.
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: Mrs. John Henson, Mrs. Beula Brooks.
MASTER'S MEN: Dexter Morgan, Jack Baynard.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opening song by the congregation; special singing by Rev. Clyde Coxe, The Junior Quartette from Swannanoa church, Mr. and Mrs. Cook from Mt. Calvary church. Message by Rev. Green, Black Mountain, N. C.

FRIDAY 10:00 A.M.

Opening song; "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Devotions by Rev. Clyde Owen, Chipley, Fla. Scripture reading, Acts 1-10. Report of Young People's Work, by Miss Volena Wilson.

FRIDAY 11:00 A.M.

Opening song; "Footprints Of Jesus." Message by Rev. James Lupton, New Bern, N. C. Closed with a Christian handshake, adjourned until 1:30 p.m. Dismissed by Rev. James Evans.

FRIDAY 1:30 P.M.

Opening song; "When We All Get To Heaven." Devotions by Rev. Homer Arwood. Rev. N. B. Barrow spoke in regard to the various phases of work sponsored by the State Convention. Mrs. Wayne Smith and Mrs. Bynum Lance was appointed delegates to attend the State Convention September 11, 12 at Cramerton, N. C. Mrs. Flora Morgan was appointed delegate to attend the Central Conference.

A motion was made and carried by vote to ask the eecutive committee to investigate conditions at the Beaverdam church.

Voted to discontinue tuition funds for Bro. Benny Turner to attend Bible College, and set aside $150.00 each year out of our Associational treasury to be used as a loan fund to eligible persons wishing to attend one of the Free Will Baptist Colleges.

Rev. Wayne Smith was appointed to write report on Masters Men organization to be placed in the minutes.

A motion was made to strike article 13 from the constitution but after discussions it was tabled for one year for further study.

Moved to adjourn until Thursday before the first Sunday in August, 1958 at 10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Services was conducted by the Rocky Pass church with the pastor Rev. Kenneth Frisbee bringing the message.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance last year	$232.44
Received this year	432.21
Total	$664.65
Paid out	369.66
Balance in Treasury	$249.99

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: We, your committee, recommend that each church have a Sunday School, with all officers and teachers being Christians and members of said church. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6. We believe all parents should bring their children up in Sunday School.

ELBERT ROBERTS AND WALTER JENKINS, Committee.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS: We, your committee, see a greater need of support of our mission work. We cannot all go but we can all help to send those that are called by God into the field. We feel that the response would be greater if our pastors would stress the need for Mission work. "How thn shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" Romans 10:14-15.

JAMES COFFEY AND PAUL DEESE, Committee.

EDUCATION: We, your committee, feel that with educational standards as high as they are today, there is a greater need for Christian education than ever before. Since the Word of God is the sword of the Spirit, and our only defensive weapon against Satan, it is a poor soldier who is unacquainted with it and unskilled in its use. We should not ignore Paul's teaching in II Timothy 2:15. The person who is ignorant of God's Word is the person who is deceived. We make the following recommendations: 1st, that our children should be educated in the Word of God as much as possible while they are small, according to Proverbs 22:6. 2nd, that our young people be urged to attend colleges of our denomination. It seems we are losing them every year to other denominational colleges. 3rd, that the people of the Blue Ridge Association, especially ministers, take advantage of the educational opportunity we now have at Cragmont. 4th, that our churches be sure to keep up their associational dues in order that the young man who has been adopted by our association can be sure his tuition will be paid at the Bible College. 5th, that we continue to support our educational enterprises to the best of our ability. Last year's report adopted.

REV. KENNETH FRISBEE AND BRO. ALLEN MESSER, Com.
SUPERANNUATION: We, your committee, feel that each church in our Association should have part in the State and National Superannuation programs of our denomination. We also feel that each church should send something each month to our Superannuation Board, for the aged men of God. We recommend that our churches send larger contributions to the Superannuation Board, so they will be able to send larger checks to our superannuated ministers and their widows. Many of these ministers and their widows are badly neglected, and a small amount from each church sent regularly will turn the tide in their favor. Last year's report adopted.

REVS. JOHN FLOYD AND ERNEST STRICKLAND, Committee
LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: The Lord has commanded that we remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. A great many church members are breaking this commandment by using the Sabbath as a day for sport and pleasure, thereby neglecting the Sunday School and church services. We urge parents to teach their children the importance of Sabbath observance, restraining them from engaging in games of sport on that day. We also urge our pastors to stress the importance of keeping this command.

REV. R. H. REESE AND REV. T. F. SILVERS, Committee
DEEPER DEVOTION: We, your committee, feel that in the day we are living in, more emphasis should be placed on spirit-filled lives in our churches, because the more we yield to the Holy Spirit, the better He can work through us. We believe the Holy Spirit must have the right of way in our lives before GGod will use us. "Commit thy ways unto the Lord"—Psalms 37:5. We believe each Christian home should practice family devotions, for our conversation is in Heaven, from whence also we look for the Savious, the Lord Jesus Christ. Phillippians 3:20.

REV. W. L. KELL, JR., AND REV. L. D. GRAY, Committee
YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE: We, your committee, feel that an education is essential to our young people in promoting a greater interest in our church work. It not only gives them confidence in themselves, but they are prepared for whatever they are called upon to do, though not forgetting the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The Bible tells us to train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. We are proud to have three young men out of our churches to attend the Bible College in preparation for God's work. We, as parents, must set the example that we expect our young people to follow, and if we are faithful in all phases of the church work, then we can expect them to do as they have been led to do. We deem it necessary to have a Young People's League, Auxiliary, and especially good music in all our churches.

MRS. W. L. KELL AND REV. BENNY TURNER, Committee
ORPHANAGE: We, your committee, recommend that the Association follow the suggestions of the former Orphanage Committee. We also recommend that each church in this Association adopt a child from the orphanage to clothe, and that the child be allowed to visit the church once a year.

We recommend that each church contribute as much as possible to this worthy cause, and if possible that each church invite the Orphanage Concert Class to render a program in their church. We further recommend that a committee be appointed to collect produce and canned goods and see they reach the designated place to be picked up by the Orphanage truck. We suggest that each member of the Associa-

tion stand by the Orphanage and its personnel with their prayer and offerings.

REV. LEROY GRANT AND MRS. LUCILLE HOLLY, Committee

PASTOR'S SUPPORT: We, your committee, feel that our pastors should have sufficient support from the church to allow him to give full time to the work. The Scripture says in I Cor. 9:14: "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." We believe each member of the church should tithe as this is the Bible way for church support. We suggest the churches provide means for their pastors to attend all important church meetings such as State and National Conventions. We also believe we should give him our support in prayer and with our presence at church services, and in any way that we can to help lighten the burden and help him to be the ideal pastor.

MRS. BYNUM LANCE AND MRS. FLORA MORGAN, Comm.

TEMPERANCE: We, your committee, recommend that we as Free Will Baptist take a greater stand on Temperance, that our preachers speak out against the evil of intoxicating beverages. We also recommend that parents instruct heir children as to the evils of strong drink, immodest dress. We feel the reason for so much juvenile delinquency today is because parents have failed to teach their children in the ways of the Lord. We feel that if all our people will be temperate in all things, dress in modest apparel and abstain from intoxicating beverages or anything that would bring reproach to the cause of Christ, we would have better churches, better communities to live in, and will have accomplished something for the Glory of God.

REV. ERNEST STRICKLAND AND MRS. EDITH STAMEY, Committee

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: We, your committee, urge that all our women work zealously with three objectives in mind. First, to be mission minded, for in failing to do so we defeat the purpose for which Christ died. Second, to support our pastors in every work they attempt for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom. Third, to support every enterprise of our denomination to the best of our ability and all work that we may be a spiritual as well as a financial blessing to our Association, our Denomination, and the cause of Christ.

MRS. FLORS MORGAN AND MRS. KING, Committee

MASTER'S MEN: We your committee, urge all pastors to organize a Master's Men." There are many objectives in each of our churches that can only be reached as we organize men to reach them. First, Home Missions. The men of the church must be taught to win other men to Christ. Second; The men must be organized and taught to visit the sick, delinquent and distressed members, and the unsaved. Third; If our churches are to succeed, the men must know the various phases and enterprises of the church, and their importance. Fourth; Better understanding and greater fellowship, the lack of understanding and true Christian Fellowship among our men has defeated the cause of Christ in many churches.

REV. WAYNE SMITH, Committee

SESSIONS: The next session of the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists will be held at Cragmont near Black Mountain, N. C. beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in August, 1958, at 10:00 a.m.

REV. MILTON HOLLIFIELD, Moderator
MRS. R. H. REESE, Clerk

REPORT OF YOUTH RALLY

The youth rally of the Blue Ridge Association have enjoyed a very profitable year. The main purpose of the youth rally is to stimulate the interest of the youth in Christ and the church. Secondly our aim is to promote more fellowship among the churches. We think we have attained our goal because the results of our meetings are very satisfactory. Each church has had charge of the meetings at least once, and sometimes as many as three times depending on the type of program given. We were fortunate to have our Missionary to India speak to us in regard to her work and the need for more workers there. After Miss Wilson's message many young people made their way to the altar and rededicated their lives to Christ. The results of their meeting has been very noticeable in our church.

We also have had several speakers from the Bible College in Nashville speak to us on Missions. These young people are so dedicated to Christ that one can't help but feel the presence of Christ when they speak. Our attendance has been exceptionally good and we are proud to report the Marion church has been represented at every meeting since the rally started. The Rocky Pass and Swannanoa churches have only missed one meeting. We think this is a good record and pray that the other churches will reach a perfect record of attendance next year. Lets all give our best to the Master.

LILLIAN PARKINS, publicity chairman.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

CANTON: President, Mrs. W. B. Norris, Canton, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Roy Swanger, Canton, N. C. No. of members, 18; Meets every two weeks; Money taken in, $908.07; Paid out, $854.65.

CEDAR HILL: President, Mrs. W. P. Wilson, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Tom Wilson, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C. No. of members, 14; Meets every two weeks; Money taken in, $1231.77; Paid out, $1112.77.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: President, Mrs. L. D. Gray, 9 La Rue St. West Asheville, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Ed Coleman, 155 Johnston Blvd. West Asheville, N. C. No. of members, 16; Meets every two weeks; Money taken in, $796.00; Paid out, $780.00.

MARION: President, Mrs. J. E. Floyd, Baldwin Ave., Marion, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Beulah Brooks, Route 1, Nebo, N. C. No. of members; 32; Gained this year, 8; Meets every week; Money taken in, $359.92; Paid out, $303.90.

OLD FORT: President, Mrs. Georgie Stockton, Box 214B, Route 3, Marion, N. C. Secretary, Una Burleson, Route 1, Old Fort, N. C. No. of members, 12; Meets every two weeks; Money taken in, $327.95; Paid out, $300.00.

ROCKY PASS: President, Mrs. Gene Smith, Route 1, Marion, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Kenneth Frisbee, Route 1, Marion, N. C. No. of members, 18; Meets every two weeks; Money taken in, $540.20; Paid out, $524.20.

SALEM: President, Mrs. Herman Noblitt, Route 1, Old Fort, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Warren Arrowood, P. O. Box 561, Marion, N. C. No. of members, 14; Gained this year, 5; Meets every month; Money taken in, $102.67; Paid out, $475.18.

SWANNANOA: President, Mrs. Lewis Metcalf, Swannanoa, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Perry Buckner, Swannanoa, N. C. No. of members, 30; Gained this year, 1; Meets every two weeks; Money taken in, $468.85; Paid out, $459.15.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: President, Mrs. Pink Hampton, Waynesville, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Paul Massie, Waynesville, N. C. No. of members, 7; Meets every month; Money taken in, $448.32; Paid out, $441.62.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

CANTON: President, Mrs. Edith Stamey, Canton, N. C. Secretary, Frances Green, Canton, N. C. No. of members, 75; No. of groups, 3; Meets every week; We take a weekly offering; Kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; We have a Junior League; Leader, Mrs. Roy Duckett, Canton, N. C.

CAROLEEN: President, John Childers, Caroleen, N. C. Secretary, Katie Henson, Caroleen, N. C. No. of members, 60; No. of groups, 4; Meets every week; We take a weekly offering; Kind of literature used, F. W. B.

CEDAR HILL: President, Larry Stevens, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C. Secretary, Ann Hensley, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C. No. of members, 45; No. of groups, 1; Meets every week; We take a weekly offering; Kind of literature used, Bible; Leader, Marilee Keener, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: President, Mrs. Catherine Boulden, 158 Johnston Blvd. West Asheville, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. W. D. Phipps, Rockcliff Rd. West Asheville, N. C. No. of members, 31; No. of groups, 3; Meets every week; We take a weekly offering; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. We have a Junior League; Leader, Mrs. L. D. Gray, 9 LaRue St. West Asheville, N. C. Intermediate leader, Mr. Ed Randall.

MARION: President, Charles Rumfelt, Clinchfield Sta. Marion, N. C. Secretary, Shirley Taylor, Clinchfield Sta. Marion, N. C. No. of members, 75; No. of groups, 2; Meets every week; We take a weekly offering; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. We have a Junior League; Leader, Charles Rumfelt, Clinchfield Sta. Marion, N. C.

SWANNANOA: President, Vaughn Maney, Route 1, Black Mtn., N. C. Secretary, Geneva Brotherton, Address not stated; No. of members, 30; No. of groups, 3; Meets every week; We take a weekly offering; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. We have a Junior League; Leader Mrs. Vaughn Maney, Route 1, Black Mtn. N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CANTON: Superintendent, Elmer Keener, Canton, N. C. Secretary, Juanita Roper, Canton, N. C. No. of classes, 15; No. of pupils, 250; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Expenses, $675.00; Amount sent to Orphanage, $30.00.

CAROLEEN: Superintendent, Colon Phillips, Caroleen, N. C. Secretary, Rose Amos, Caroleen, N. C. No. of classes, 11; No. of pupils, 203; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Expanses, Not stated.

CEDAR HILL: Superintendent, Weaver Cook, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C. Secretary, Larrene Cook, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C. No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 135; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Expanses, $664.85; Amount sent to Orphanage, $167.54.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Superintendent, W. D. Phipps, 1, Rockcliff Rd. Asheville, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Boulden, 158 Johnston Blvd. Asheville, N. C. No. of classes, 7; No. of pupils, 151; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Expenses, $774.08; Amount sent to the Orphanage, $168.00.

MARION: Superintendent, Loyd Scott, Marion, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Paul Finley, Route 1, Nebo, N. C. No. of classes, 10; No. of pupils, 200; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Expenses, $136.25.

MT. CALVARY: Superintendent, Paul Holms, Marion, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Wilma Styles, Marion, N. C. No. of classes, 3; No. of pupils, 64; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Expenses, $32.44; Amount sent to Orphanage, $25.00.

OLD FORT: Superintendent, Joe Eller, Old Fort, N. C. Secretary, Marie Parker, Old Fort, N. C. No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 110; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Expenses, $50.00.

ROCKY PASS: Superintendent, Ranz Lavender, Route 3, Marion, N. C. Secretary, Nelda Wilborn, Clinchfield Sta. Marion, N. C. No. of classes, 7; No. of pupils, 163; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Expenses, $848.00.

SALEM: Superintendent, Calvin, Grogan, Old Fort, N. C. Secretary, Miss Rosette Smith, Route 2, Old Fort, N. C. No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 97; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Expenses, $84.33; Amount sent to Orphanage, $12.00.

SWANNANOA: Superintendent, Ray Nichols, Swannanoa, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Dean Summey, Black Mtn. N. C. No. of classes, 11; No. of pupils, 293; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Expenses, $1730.38.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Superintendent, Fred Early, Hazlewood, N. C. Secretary, Mary Massie, Route 1, Waynesville, N. C. No. of classes, 4; No. of pupils, 60; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Expenses, $209.25.

GLEN ALPINE: Superintendent, Eugene Powell, Route 2, Box 286, Morganton, N. C. Secretary, Betty Ann Mills, Route 2, Box 286, Morganton, N. C. No. of classes, 3; No. of pupils, 53; Kind of literature used, Advanced Quarterly. Expenses, $36.90. Amount sent to Orphanage, $27.63.

CHURCH REPORTS

CANTON: No. of members received, 36; By experience and baptism, 19; By letter and statement, 17; No. of members lost, 3; By letter 2; By death, 1; Total increase, 33; Last years membership, 274; Present membership, 307; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Richard Ward, Rev. Herman Pace. Sundays we have preaching, Every Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; Held by Rev. Kenneth Frisbee; Pastor, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Box 1045, Canton, N. C. Clerk, Mr. Jerry Messer, Canton, N. C. Clerk for next year, Mr. Billy Erwin, Canton, NN. C. Pastors salary, $4420.00; Revivals, $250.00; Church property improvements, $40,000; State Convention, $2.00; Local charity, $370.00; Associational expense fund, $137.25; Superannuation, $30.00; Foreign Missions, $420.00; Orphanage, $150.00; Christian Education, $30.00; Cragmont, $10.00; Value of church property, $65,000; Value of parsonage, $7,000; Value of all other church property, $1,000.

CAROLEEN: No. of members received, 10; No. of members lost, 10; By letter, 7; By death, 3; Last years membership, 166; Present membership, 166; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Clyde Coxe, Rev. Sherman Rice, Rev. R. W. Branch; Sundays we have preaching, Every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; Held by Rev. Clyde Coxe and Rev. W. L. Kell; Pastor, Rev. Clyde Coxe, Box 193, Caroleen, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. Paul Deese, Box 87, Caroleen, N. C. Pastor's Salary, $3380.00; Revivals, $117.87; Church property improvements, $830.12; Local Charity, $40.00; Other purposes, $2728.69; Associational expense fund, $50.50; Foreign Missions, $65.00; Orphanage, $78.90; Christian Education, $30.00; Value of church property, $55,000; Value of parsonage, $7,000.

CEDAR HILL: No. of members received, 16; By experience and baptism, 3; By letter and statement, 12; By restoration, 1; No. of members lost, 4; By letter, 2; By death, 2; Total increase, 12; Last years membership, 159; Present membership, 171; Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are, Benny Turner; Sundays we have preaching, Every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; Held by Rev. Carl Shook and Rev. Frank Thompson. Pastor, Rev. W. L. Kell, 234 Johnston Blvd. West Asheville, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. Maude King, 405, Deaverview Rd. West Asheville, N. C. Pastor's salary, $3149.11; Revivals, $250.00; Church property improvements, $4868.00; Local Charity, $78.84; Other purposes, $38.08; Association expense fund, $40.23; Foreign Missions, $72.00; Christian Education, $314.40; Value of church property, $65,000; Value of parsonage, $4500.00.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: No. of members received, 14; By experience and baptism, 6; By letter and statement, 8; No. of members lost, 4; By letter, 4; Total increase, 10; Last years membership, 140; Present membership, 150; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. L. D. Gray, Rev. Ed Coleman; Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. W. D. Phipps. No. of revivals, 2; Held by Rev. Milton Hollifield and Rev. Ed Coleman. Pastor, Rev. L. D. Gray, 9 LaRue St. West Asheville, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. Edward Randall, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C. Pastor's salary, $2803.70; Revivals, $109.81; Local Charity, $375.00; Other purposes, $663.06; Superannuation, $20.00; Foreign Missions, $150.00; Orphanage, $168.00; Christian Education, $15.00; Cragmont, $40.00; Value of church property, $31,000; Value of parsonage, $8500.00.

GLEN ALPINE: Last years membership, 36; Present membership, 36; Sundays we have preaching, Every Sunday; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Leroy Grant. Pastor, Rev. Leroy Grant, Clinchfield Sta. Marion, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. Essie Epley, P. O. Box 562, Glen Alpine, N. C. Pastor's salary, $365.15; Church property improvements, $100.00; Local Charity, $73.50; Foreign Missions, $16.00; Orphanage, $27.63; Value of church property, $4500.00.

MARION: No. of members received, 27; By experience and baptism, 14; By letter and statement, 12; By restoration, 1; No. of members lost, 6; By letter, 4; By death, 2; Total increase, 21; Last years membership, 212; Present membership, 233; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Harold O'dear. Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. V. E. Condrey. Sunday we have preaching, Morning and Evening Worship and Radio program every Sunday morning. Revivals, 1; Held by Rev. Roy Rikard. Pastor, Rev. John E. Floyd, Box 999, Marion, N. C. Clerk, Troy Ledford, Morgan Terrace, Marion, N. C. Pastors salary, $4630.00; Revivals, 422.00; Church property improvements, $1,000; State Convention, $9.00; Local Charity, $175.89; Foreign Missions, $1197.20; Orphanage, $46.00; Christian Education, $25.00; Value of church property, $72,000; Value of parsonage, $8,000; Value of other church property, $80,000.

MT. CALVARY: No. of members received, 13; By experience and baptism, 6; By letter and statement, 7; No. members lost, 1; By death, 1; Total increase, 12; Last years membership, 35; Present membership, 48; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. J. D. McCormick. Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are, Harold Cook. Sundays we have preaching, Every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; Held by, Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Rev. J. D. McCormick, Rev. Harold Cook. Pastor, Rev. J. D. McCormick, Route 1, Old Fort, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. Wilma Styles, Route 2, Marion, N. C. Pastor's salary, $517.51;

Revivals, $90.07; Church property improvements, $1,000; Local Charity, $24.25; Association expense fund, $6.49; Foreign Missions, $120.00; Orphanage, $25.00; Value of church property, $2800.00; Value of other church property, $800.00.

OLD FORT: No. of members received, 17; By experience and baptism, 8; By letter and statement, 9; No. members lost, 1; By death, 1; Total increase, 16; Last years membership, 87; Present membership, 104; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Carl Roland, Rev. Fred Silvers, Rev. Charlie Wheeler. Sundays we have preaching, Every Sunday. No. revivals, 2; Held by, Rev. Fred Silvers and Rev. Arnold Wilson. Pastor, Rev. R. C. Stockton, Route 3, Box 214B Marion, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. Marie Parker, Old Fort, N. C. Pastor's salary, $2400.00; Revivals, $150.00; Church property improvements, $1545.00; Foreign Missions, $37.00; Local Charity, $200.00; Value of church property, $2,000.

ROCKY PASS: No. of members received, 25; By experience and baptism, 17; By letter and statement, 8; No. members lost, 1; Total increase, 24; Last years membership, 139; Present membership, 163; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee. No. of revivals, 2; Held by, Rev. W. L. Kell, Rev. Lonnie Graves. Pastor, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, Route 1, Marion, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. Gene Holland, Route 1, Marion. N. C. Pastor's salary, $3640.00; Revivals, $180.00; Church property improvements, $3300.00; Local Charity, $506.90; Other purposes, $376.49; Association expenses, $52.95; Superannuation, $71.06; Foreign Missions, $245.00; Orphanage, $166.36; Cragmont, $10.00; Value of church property, $30,000; Value of other property, $4,000.

SALEM: No. of members received, 16; By experience and baptism, 6; By letter and statement, 10; No. members lost, 3; By letter, 2; By death, 1; Total increase, 13; Last years membership, 38; Present membership, 51; Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Homer Arrowood. No. revivals, 1; Held by Rev. W. L. Kell, Rev. Homer Arrowood. Pastor, Rev. Homer Arrowood, P. O. Box 561, Marion, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. Herbert Jenkins, Route 1, Box 8A, Old FFort, N. C. Pastor's salary, $847.06; Revivals, $85.94; Church property improvements, $1510.50; Local Charity, $272.14; Other purposes, $267.23; Association expense fund, $15.24; Foreign Missions, $11.00; Orphanage, $25.70; Christian Education, $48.38; Value of church property, $5710.50.

SWANNANOA: No. of members received, 34; By experience and baptism, 22; By letter and statement, 12; No. of members lost, 12; By letter, 3; By expulsion and erasure, 6; By death, 3; Total increase, 22; Last years membership, 373; Present membership, 395; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. W. L. Moretz, Rev. John Cansler, Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Jack Hutchins, Rev. Ralph Mumpower. Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are, Allan Jackson. Sundays we have preaching, Twice each Sunday. No. revivals, 2; Held by, Rev. Joe Haas, Durham, N. C. Rev. Harold Pitts, Winfield, Ala. Pastor, Rev. Wayne Smith, Swannanoa, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. Claude Foster, Black Mtn. N. C. Pastor's salary, $4320.00; Revivals, $400.00; Church property improvements, $20,875.71; State Convention, $5.00; Local Charity, $66.75; Other purposes, $13,988.43; Association expense fund, $128.65; Superannuation, $289.28; Foreign Missions, $485.75; Orphanage, $207.58; Christian Education, $614.70; Cragmont, $128.75; Church finance Asso., $160.91; Value of church property, $76,000.00; Value of parsonage, $10,675.00; Value of all other church property, $2675.00.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: No. of members received, 3; By experience and baptism, 3; No. of members lost, 1; By expulsion and erasure, 1; Total increase, 2; Last years membership, 42; Present membership, 44; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. W. L. Queen. Sundays we have preaching, Every Sunday. No. of revivals, 2; Held by Rev. Clarence Wheeler, Rev. Clifford Hornbuckle. Pastor, Rev. W. L. Queen, Box 385, Hazelwood, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. W. L. Queen, Box 385, Hazelwood, N. C. Pastor's salary, $131.99; Revivals, $123.99; Church property improvements, $165.00; Other purposes, $675.39; Superannuation, $5.00; Foreign Missions, $30.00; Orphanage, $13.00; Church Finance Association, $8.00; Value of church property, $10,000.

Total churches	12
Total membership	1868
Total amount raised by churches	$135,000.96
Total value of all church property	$414,650.00

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Ministers Conference of the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptist met at Cragmont, Saturday, August 3, 1957 at 10:00 a.m. Opening song, "We Will Work." Devotions conducted by Rev. Ralph Mumpower, Scripture, 2nd Cor. 4-5. By-laws of the Ministers Conference read by the moderator. Minutes of the last Conference read and approved.

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Clyde Coxe ..... Box 193, Caroleen, N. C.
Asst. Moderator, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee ..... Route 1, Marion, N. C.
Secy.-Treas. Rev. Leroy Grant ..... Clinchfield Sta. Marion, N. C.
Asst. Secretary, Rev. Homer Arrowood P. O. Box 561, Marion, N. C.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. John Floyd, Rev. L. D. Gray.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, (chairman) Rev. W. L. Kell, Rev. J. D. McCormick

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. W. L. Kell and the pastor church where Conference is held.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Clyde Coxe	Box 193, Caroleen, N. C.
Rev. Milton Duncan	Route 1, Box 1901, Marion, N. C.
Rev. John E. Floyd	Box 999, Marion, N. C.
Rev. Kenneth Frisbee	Route 1, Marion, N. C.
Rev. Leroy Grant	Clinchfield Station, Marion, N. C.
Rev. L. D. Gray	9 LaRue St. West Asheville, N. C.
Rev. Milton Hollifield	Box 1045, Canton, N. C.
Rev. W. L. Kell, Jr.	234 Johnston Blvd. West Asheville, N. C.
Rev. J. D. McCormick	Route 1, Old Fort, N. C.
Rev. Ralph Mumpower	Swannanoa, N. C.
Rev. Herman Pace	10 Lewis St. Canton, N. C.
Rev. W. L. Queen	Box 385, Hazelwood, N. C.
Rev. R. H. Reese	95 Cisco Rd., Asheville, N. C.
Rev. Carl Roland	Clinchfield Sta., Marion, N. C.
Rev. Thomas F. Silvers	Box 127, Old Fort, N. C.
Rev. Wayne Smith	P. O. Box 281, Swannanoa, N. C.
Rev. Ernest Strickland	Route 1, Candler, N. C.
Rev. James Vaughn	71 Glendale Ave., N. C.

LICENTIATES

Rev. Homer Arrowood	P. O. Box 561, Marion, N. C.
Rev. James C. Coffey	Box 91, Caroleen, N. C.
Rev. Harry Taylor	Route 2, Box 602, Candler, N. C.
Rev. Benny H. Turner	32 Cub Rd., West Asheville, N. C.
Rev. Allen Jackson	Swannanoa, N. C.

SATURDAY 11:00 A. M.

Song service by congregation. Message by Rev. R. H. Ballard. Scripture reading St. John 15. Closed with a Christian handshake.

SATURDAY 1:30 P. M.

Song service by congregation. Devotions by Rev. John Floyd. Scripture reading, 1 Cor. 5-14.

BUSINESS SESSION

Voted to have the executive committee act as a standing committee for the student fund.

Rev. Wayne Smith, and Rev. W. L. Kell were appointed program committee, working with the pastor of church where conference is held.

Voted to drop the nominating committee, and elect officers from the floor.

Voted to have five hundred pocket cards printed for the ministers; expense for this will be taken from the treasury, Rev. Wayne Smith will be in charge.

Voted that any member of the ministers conference who misses two meetings without reporting either in person or by letter will be investigated by the investigating committee.

Agreed to meet at Rev. Wayne Smith's home in Swannanoa, Oct. 5, 1957 at 7:30 p.m. to organize a ministers fellowship meeting.

Voted to assist Bethel church and all new work as long as the church and pastor are members of the Blue Ridge Conference.

Voted that each pastor will bring one delegate from his church to the next ministers conference to decide if he will have a Quarterly meeting as stated in our constitution.

The next session of the ministers conference will be held at the Cedar Hill church in West Asheville, Saturday, September 21, 1957 at 10:00 a.m.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

Benny Turner and Homer Arrowood to be ordained Saturday night August 17, 1957 at the Salem Free Will Baptist church. Rev. W. L. Kell will give the charge. Winfred Roland of Swannanoa, N. C. was granted license.

BLUE RIDGE F.W.B. MINISTERS CONFERENCE

August 1956 — August 1957

The Blue Ridge Ministers Conference met at the Canton church, Canton, N. C. September 29, 1956 at 10:00 a.m. Opening song; "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Prayer by Rev. W. L. Queen. Welcome address by Rev. Milton Hollifield pastor. Devotions by Rev. Clyde Coxe. Rev. Leroy Grant was appointed clerk. Rev. Wayne Smith united with the Ministers Conference. Message by Rev. Rred Silvers. Scripture reading 1st Peter 4:1-8.

Business session; Discussions were heard in regard to organizing a Mission in Brevard. Rev. W. L. Kell, Rev. L. D. Gray, Rev. Leroy Grant was elected as program committee.

Voted to change the date of the ministers conference to the 3rd Saturday before the 5th Sunday.

and their building already under construction.

Voted that the executive committee meet and try to help the Beaverdam church. The next session of the Ministers Conference will be held at the Salem church June 15, 1957 at 10:00 a.m.

The Blue Ridge Ministers Conference met at the Old Fort church Saturday December 15, 1956. Opening song; "Standing On The Promises." Welcome address by Rev. Stockton, pastor. Devotions by Rev. James Vaughn. Minutes of the last conference read and approved. Committee appointed to visit Brevard, Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Ernest Strickland, Rev. L. D. Gray. Committee.

Voted to buy tracts for Home Mission Board and pay for same out of treasury. Visiting ministers welcomed, Rev. Bill Hyder, Rev. V. E. Condrey. Message by Rev. Clyde Coxe. Scripture reading, Jonah 3-2.
Business session; Voted to pay $10.00 out of treasury to the one driving his car to attend the Home Mission Conference.

Voted to pay for the printing of the articles of faith to be used in Mission work. Adjourned.

The Blue Ridge F.W.B. Ministers Conference met Saturday March 16, 1957 at the Horney Heights church, West Asheville, N. C. Welcome address by pastor, Rev. L. D. Gray. Devotions by Rev. W. L. Queen. Scripture reading, 2 Timothy 4. Message by Rev. Wayne Smith. Scripture reading, 1st Timothy 4; 14.

Business session, Voted to write each minister absent and ask them to report either in person or by letter to the ministers conference. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Blue Ridge F.W.B. Ministers Conference met at the Salem church June 15, 1957. Opening song; "An Old Account Was Settled." Welcome address by pastor, Rev. Homer Arrowood. Devotions by Rev. V. E. Condrey. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Special singing by Rev. Carl Roland. The next session of the Ministers Conference will be held at Cragmont, Saturday August 3, 1957, at 10:00 a.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance last year	$12.00
Received this year	19.00
Total	$31.00
Paid out for cards and postage	2.00
Balance in Treasury	$29.00

Mrs. R. H. Reese, Treasurer

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MINISTERS' REPORTS

REV. CLYDE COXE: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals, 6; No. of conversions, 18; No. of sermons preached, 142; No. of funerals, 7; Received for pastoral services, $3300.00; Received for revival services, $416.87: Total, $3716.87; Given personally to the Cause, Tenth; Do you tithe, Yes. Box 193, Caroleen, N. C.

REV. JOHN E. FLOYD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of Revivals conducted, 3; No. of conversions, 140; No. of sermons preached, 250; No. of members received, 27; No. baptized, 78; No. of marriages, 3; No. of funerals, 8; Received for pastoral services, $4680.00; Received for revival services, $422.00; Received for all other services, $998.00; Total, $6100.00; Given personally to the Cause, $1522.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Box 999, Marion, N. C.

REV. KENNETH FRISBEE: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 4; No. of conversions, 110; No. of sermons preached, 170; No. of members received, 25; No. baptized, 17; No. of marriages, 2; No. of funerals, 5; Received for pastoral services, $3640.00; Received for revival services, $410.00; Received for all other services, $405.00; Total, $4455.00; Given personally to the Cause, $475.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Route 1, Marion, N. C.

REV. LEROY GRANT: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of conversions, 9; No. of sermons preached, 96; No. of funerals, 1; Received for pastoral services, $665.15; Received for other services; $5.00; Total, $670.15; Given personally to the Cause, $531.19; Do you tithe, Yes; Clinchfield Station, Marion, N. C.

REV. L. D. GRAY: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of conversions, 19; No. of sermons preached, 96; No. of members received, 14; No. baptized, 6; No. of funerals, 7; Received for pastoral services, $2843.70; Given personally to the Cause, $305.00; Do you tithe, Yes; No. 9 La Rue St. West Asheville, N. C.

REV. MILTON HOLLIFIELD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 5; No. of conversions, 173; No. of sermons preached, 177; No. of members received, 36; No. baptized, 21; No. of marriages, 2; No. funerals, 9; Received for pastoral services, $4420.00; Received for revival services, $945.00; Received for all other services, $50.00; Total $5415.00; Given personally to the Cause, $577.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Box 1045, Canton, N. C.

REV. W. L. KELL: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 3; No. of conversions, 50; No. of sermons preached, 159; No. of members received, 16; No. baptized, 13; No. of marriages, 2; No. of funerals, 5; Received for pastoral services, $3014.00; Received for revival services, $300.00; Received for all other services, $135.11; Total, $3449.11; Given personally to the Cause, $400.00; Do you tithe, Yes; 234, Johnston Blvd. West Asheville, N. C.

REV. J. D. McCORMICK: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 20; No. of sermons preached, 112; No. of members received, 13; No. baptized, 8; No. of funerals, 1; Received for pastoral services, $517.51; Received for revival services, $60.00; Total, $577.51; Given personally to the Cause, $140.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Route 2, Old Fort, N. C.

REV. HERMAN PACE: No. of churches pastored, 1 part time; No. of revivals conducted, Assisted in 4; No. o fconversions, 63; No. of sermons preached, 101; No. of members received, 9; No. baptized, 1; No. of funerals, 1; Received fo rpastoral services, $403.49; Received for all other services, $90.57; Total, $494.06; Do you tithe, Yes; No. 10 Lewis St. Canton, N. C.

REV. W. L. QUEEN: No. of churches pastored, 2; No. of revivals conducted, Assisted in 3; No. of conversions, 25; No. of sermons preached, 90 ;No. of members received, 6; No. baptized, 4; No. funerals, 4; Received for pastoral services, $422.90; Received for all other services, $95.00; Total, $517.90; Given personally to the Cause, $275.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Box 385, Hazelwood, N. C.

REV. CARL ROLAND: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 62; No. of sermons preached, 130; No. of members received, 19; No. baptized, 11; No. of marriages, 5; No. of funerals, 4; Received for pastoral services, $572.00; Received for revival services, $23.00; Received for all other services, $12.00; Total, $607.00; Givn personally to the Cause, $120.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Clinchfield Sta. Marion, N. C.

REV. THOMAS F. SILVERS: Field Superintendent, No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 120; No. of sermons preached, 200; Received for revival services, $191.00; Received for all other services, $600.00; Total $791.00; Given personally to the Cause, $300.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Box 127, Old Fort, N. C.

REV. WAYNE W. SMITH: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 9; No. of conversions, 131; No. of sermons preached, 181; No. of members received, 92; No. baptized, 18; No. of marriages, 4; No. of funerals, 6; Received for pastoral services, $4320.00; Received for revival services, $775.00; Total, $5095.00; Given personally to the Cause, $695.00; Do you tithe, es; P. O. Box 281, Swannanoa, N. C.

REV. JAMES VAUGHN: No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of sermons preached, 40; Received for all services, $71.48; Do you tithe, Yes; 71, Glendale Ave. Biltmore, N. C.

REV. HOMER ARROWOOD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals, 1; No. of conversions, 22; No. of sermons preached, 110; No. of members received, 16; No. baptized, 3; No. of funerals, 1; Received for pastoral services, $833.67; Received for revival services, $12.00; Total, $845.67; Given personally to the Cause, $359.69; Do you tithe, Yes. Box 561, Marion, N. C.

REV. JAMES C. COFFEY: No. of churches pastored, 1; Do you tithe, Yes. Box 91, Caroleen, N. C.

REV. BENNY TURNER: No. of sermons preached, 29; No. of conversions, 5; Total received, $29.10; Given personally to the Cause, $35.00; 32 Cub Rd. West Asheville, N. C.

Rev. L. D. GRAY, Moderator

Mrs. R. H. REESE, Clerk

CONSTITUTION, MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. This body shall be known as the Ministers' Conference of the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

2. This Conference is formed under and by the authority of the Blue Ridge Association and shall be composed of its ordained and licensed ministers.

3. It shall have entire jurisdiction over the ministry in said Association, issuing license, and prescribing qualifications for the ministry, conducting examinations and ordaining ministers, and at all times working for the most harmonius and effective ministry. Each licensed minister shall work under a license for a period of not less than one year; then he may be ordained if the ordaining council deems it necessary.

4. We deem it necessary for the protection of the Gospel, not to accept anyone as a minister who has two living wives.

5. Each minister will be required to practice, preach and teach tithing as the means of church support.

6. Following the union meeting held on Saturday before each Fifth Sunday, the Ministers' Conference will be held. Each minister will be required to attend and report on his work at each conference unless providentially hindered; then he shall report by letter.

7. The officers of this Conference shall be a moderator and a secretary-treasurer, who shall be elected for a term of two years, and shall perform the duties usually performed by such officers. They shall enter upon the duties of said office at the close of the current session. The moderator may not succeed himself.

8. This Conference shall have power to make such by-laws and other regulations as may be necessary for the performance of its duties.

9. This Constitution may be amended at any regular annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds.

BY-LAWS, MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. The regular meetings of this conference shall be held annually immediately following the Association. The conference shall meet each Fifth Sunday in connection with the Union Meeting.

2. Each member shall report at each annual and Fifth Sunday meeting either in person or by letter.

3. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum at all regular or legally called meetings.

4. The moderator may call a special meeting of the conference at any time upon the request of three members.

5. At each annual meeting there shall be elected an Ordaining Council of three members whose duty shall be to examine candidates and grant license, conduct ordinations, etc., and report each annual meeting.

6. Licentitates shall pursue a definite course of study under the direction of the ordaining council.

7. At each annual meeting there shall be elected an investigating committee of three members, whose duty shall be to investigate applicants for membership, and license and other investigations they may be called on to make.

8. Necessary expenses of this organization shall be met by voluntary contributions or by assessment of its members.

9. No member shall serve as pastor of a church which does not enforce discipline, and care for their pastor, and contribute to the United Program of our State, according to their ability, and strive to go forward in spiritual progress and the upbuilding of God's Kingdom.

10. No member shall meddle with the work of another or injure his reputation for usefulness, but watch over each other and thus promote harmony among the membership.

11. Each member, not excused of age or infirmities, is expected to do some work to advance the cause of Christ and make a full report at each annual meeting.

12. Membership in this body shall be proof of good standing in the ministry. A membership card shall be issued to each member at the annual meeting upon payment of $1.00. This fee to be placed in the Conference Treasury to pay necessary expenses, and for the promotion of the cause of Christ.

13. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote at any annual meeting.

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CHURCH COVENANT

Having give ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in the solemn covenant.

We promise by His Grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scripture, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour JeJsus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit." in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the World. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CONSTITUTION
— of —
THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION
— of the —
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS NORTH CAROLINA

ARTICLE 1

This Association shall be known as the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

ARTILCE 2

The objects of this Association shall be: to promote unity, fraternity, fellowship, and cooperation; and to encourage and engage in larger Christian enterprises that cannot be carried on by a single church. To combine and direct the energies of the Free Will Baptists within its bounds in one sacred effort to encourage and promote the general spread of the Gospel; and the causes of the united program.

ARTICLE 3

1. This Association shall be composed of all ordained and licensed ministers, and of delegates chosen and sent by each church in its bounds, who shall be duly recommended by the church to which they belong.

2. The following Auxiliaries of each church are entitled to one delegate each: the Sunday School, the Ladies' Auxiliary, and the Free Will Baptist League. No church shall be entitled to more than five (5) delegates.

3. Each church and its Auxiliaries may represent by letter and a donation for the expenses of the Association and the causes it fosters.

4. This Association disclaims the right to exercise lordship over the churches, or to have any power which entitles it to infringe upon the internal affairs or rights of any of the churches composing it. Each church shall consider its internal affairs to be its own business; but it shall not disrespect the Association and those who are placed in authority by the proper processes.

ARTICLE 4

An accused church has the same right as an individual in the church: to have specific charges presented in writing, a fair opportunity for defense, and to be considered innocent until proved guilty.

ARTICLE 5

This Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented by letter or delegates.

ARTICLE 6

Churches coming from another denomination will be carefully and satisfactorily examined as to doctrine before being received as members.

ARTICLE 7

1. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator and Assistant Moderator, and Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, and Field Superintendent, who shall be elected for a term of two years, entering up their said duties of said offices at the close of the current session.

2. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator shall not succeed themselves in election. However, the Assistant Moderator may be elected Moderator.

3. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over all the meetings of the Association.

4. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to preside in the absence of the Moderator.

5. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Association in a business-like manner, and to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and the distribution of said Minutes, and to give over all properties belonging to his or her office to his or her duly successor. The Clerk shall be paid a fee for services—an amount fixed by the Association. Minutes of the Association shall be sent to all visiting Free Will Baptist ministers.

6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds belonging to the Association, and to disburse same as directed by the Association. The Treasurer shall be bonded for an amount sufficient to cover all money coming into their hands.

7. It shall be the duty of the Historian to keep a record of such items of interest as may be useful in the future; to preserve the same in a book. He or she shall also keep a file of the Minutes. He or she shall give over all materials and property to his or her successor in office.

8. It shall be the duty of the field superintendent to encourage the work in general in this Association. He shall promote every phase of the program. He shall visit the churches, and in every way possible assist them in doing greater things for God's glory. He shall promote unity and fellowship among the ministers, and their churches. He shall supply for any pastor who shall be providentially kept from his work. He shall be paid a salary agreed upon by the Association. He shall receive an offering at all churches, the same to be turned over to the Association to help maintain this work.

ARTICLE 8

At each annual session the Moderator shall appoint such committees as the Association may direct. It shall be the duty of these committees to report at the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE 9

The following Directors shall be elected annually: Director for young people's work; Director for the Women's Auxiliary work—who shall be responsible to do all the work they can to promote the work in these departments in each church in this Association. They shall encourage cooperation with the State League and Ladies' Auxiliary Organization.

ARTICLE 10

The Executive Board shall consist of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Field Superintendent, and three members elected from the floor. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to have the supervision of the work of the Association between sessions. The Moderator and Clerk, by virtue of their offices, shall be chairman and secretary, respectively, of the Board. Five members of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 11

It shall be the duty of the Association to encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an an all-sufficient Saviour, having made salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the Gospel, which is freely offered to all.

ARTICLE 12

Any church seeking membership in this Association shall furnish evidence that there is a deed on record made to the Trustees of said Free Will Baptist church and their successors in office, and after a satis-

factory examination as to their doctrine and fellowship and disposition toward the united program, may be received as members.

ARTICLE 13

We will have a union meeting on Saturday before each Fifth Sunday, for the furtherance of every phase of the work of this Association. This meeting shall be composed of all members and two delegates from each church.

ARTICLE 14

This Association shall adopt the Treatise of the Faith and Government of the National Treatise of the Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE 15

A church may become a member of this Association by petition, or by letter, or by delegates, and by adopting the Treatise and Articles of Faith and Government, and the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association.

ARTICLE 16

This Association shall be governed by the rules laid down in Roberts' or Hastings' Rules of Order.

ARTICLE 17

This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the First Sunday in August.

ARTICLE 18

The Minutes of each meeting of this Association shall be printed, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association, and Constitution and By-Laws of the Ministers' Conference; also the Church Covenant.

ARTICLE 19

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting of the Association.

BY-LAWS OF THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION — of the — ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

ARTICLE 1—A session of this Association shall meet annually.

ARTICLE 2—This Association shall be opened and closed with suitable devotions.

ARTICLE 3—There shall be no conversation by members, one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.

ARTICLE 4—Every person wishing to speak, shall first arise and address the Moderator, and be recognized before speaking.

ARTICLE 5—No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

ARTICLE 6—Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

ARTICLE 7—No member shall speak on any one subject more than twice, except by permission of the moderator.

ARTICLE 8—Every motion made and seconded shall be acted upon unless withdrawn by the person who made it.

ARTICLE 9—A motion before the house must be acted upon before another motion can be made.

ARTICLE 10—On all motions acted upon, the majority vote shall prevail.

ARTICLE 11—The Moderator shall have the privilege to speak on any subject as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

ARTICLE 12—We shall admit no other title while in session but that of Brother and Sister.

ARTICLE 13—No member shall absent himself from the body without permission of the Moderator.

ARTICLE 14—Any person transgressing these By-Laws shall be admonished by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 15—No less than nine (9) members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 16—These By-Laws may be amended at any regular annual meeting by two-thirds vote.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. GOD: We believe that there is only one true and living God who is personally the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus who gave Himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time. I Tim. 2:5.

2. THE HOLY SCRIPTURE: We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of His church. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and instruction in righteousness.

3. ORIGINAL APOSTASY: We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eyes and a tree desired to make one wise, she took the fruit thereof and did eat and gave her husband with her and he did eat."—Gen. 3:6.

4. FREE GRACE: We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessing, that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation,

that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. "For there is no difference between Jews and Greeks for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him."—Rom. 10:12.

5. CHRISTIAN FAITH: We believe that Christian faith is the belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture, that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not on the son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth in him."—John 3:36.

6. REPENTANCE: We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin. "Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry but that ye sorrowed to repentance, for ye were made sorry after a Godly manner that ye might receive damage by us in nothing, for Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of but the sorrow of the world worketh death."—II Cor. 7:9-10.

7. FREE AGENCY: We believe that the human will is free and that men have ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures. "He that shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."—Micah 6:8.

8. PERSEVERANCE: We do not believe, under Gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; that it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of their faith and turn again to sin and finally be lost. "And Jesus said unto him: 'No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God'."—Luke 9:62.

9. GOOD WORKS: We believe that good works are the results of faith and not necessity; that those who have faith will do works of righteousness while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable to God. "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire, wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."—Matt. 7:19-20.

10. CHRISTIAN BAPTISM: We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be Scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."—Rom. 6:4.

11. THE LORD'S SUPPER: We believe the supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance, that it was instituted for Christians and that all Christians should unite in sacred services regardless of name or denomination. "But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."—I. Cor. 11:28-29.

12. FEET WASHING: We believe that washing the saint's feet was a command of our Saviour and that His followers ought to practice the same. We urge the pastors of all churches to encourage the practical obedience of this command, especially among the members of our churches. "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet."—St. John 13:14.

13. THE GOSPEL: We believe it to be the duty of all churches to support the Gospel. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel."—I Cor. 9:14.

CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of ....., at ....., N. C., send Christian salutation to The Blue Ridge Association and the following delegates represent us:

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Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are:

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Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are:

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STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE

No. of members received.....; By experience and baptism.....; By letter and statement.....; By restoration.....; No. of members lost.....; By letter.....; by expulsion and erasure.....; By death.....; Total increase..... or decrease.....; Last year's membership.....; Present membership.....

Sunday we have preaching:.....

No. of revivals.....; Held by:: :

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OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor .....

Address .....

Clerk .....

Address .....

Pastor for next year.....

Address .....

Clerk for next year.....

Address .....

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 19....., TO 19.....

No. of churches pastored..... ....; No. of revivals conducted .....;

No. of conversions..... .....; No. of sermons preached.....; No. of members received..... .....; No. baptized.....; No. of marriages .....; No. of funerals..... .....

Received for pastoral service . . . . . $.....

Received for revival service . . . . . $.....

Received for all other services . . . . . $.....

TOTAL . . . . . $.....

Given personally to the Cause . . . . . $.....

Do you tithe?.....

Minister .....

Address .....

Edwards Ptg Co., Burnsville, N. C.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Pastor's Salary $.....; Revivals $.....; Church Property improvements $.....; State Convention fee $.....; Local Charity $.....; Other purposes $.....; Association Expense Fund.....

UNITED PROGRAM

Superannuation $.....; Foreign Missions $.....; Orphanage $.....; Christian Education $.....; Church Finance Association, Inc. $.....; Cragmont $.....;

CHURCH HOLDINGS

Value of Church Property $.....; Value of Parsonage $.....; Value of all other property $.....

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Superintendent.....; Address.....
Secretary.....; Address.....
No. of classes.....; No. of pupils.....; Kind of Literature used.....; Expenses $.....; Amount sent to Orphanage $.....

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

President.....; Address.....
Secretary.....; Address.....
No. of members.....; Gained this year.....; Meets every.....;
Money taken in $.....; Money paid out $.....

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

President.....; Address.....
Secretary.....; Address.....
No. of members.....; No. of groups.....; Meets every Sun P
Do you take a weekly offering?..... ; Kind of literature used.....
.....; Do you have a Junior League? yes;
Leader.....; Address.....

By order of the Church in conference, this the 31 day of July, 195 J

....., Moderator

.....; Clerk

MINUTES

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Fifth ~~Fourth~~ Annual Session

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PROCEEDINGS

Beginning on Thursday, July 31, 1958, at 10:00 a. m. Opening assembly. Congregational singing led by Rev. Clyde Coxe. Prayer led by Rev. Frisbee. Devotions by Rev. Homer Arrowood. Called into business session. Seating of delegates and call to churches. All visitors made welcome.

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Milton Hollifield ..... Box 1045, Canton, N. C.
Assistant, Rev. Wayne Smith ..... Swannanoa, N. C.
Clerk, Mrs. Bynum Lance
Assistant, Rev. Clyde Coxe ..... Box 193, Caroleen, N. C.
Historian, Mrs. Flora Morgan ..... Box 163, West Asheville, N. C.
Treasurer, Rev. W. L. Kell Jr. ..... Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Milton Hollifield, Chairman; Rev. Wayne Smith, Mrs. R. H. Reese, Mrs. Flora Morgan, Rev. W. L. Kell, Rev. Jimmy Vaughn, Rev. L. D. Gray, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee and Rev. Clyde Coxe.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. W. L. Kell, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee and Rev. Clyde Coxe, publicity agent.

LOCAL MISSION BOARD

Rev. L. D. Gray, Rev. John Floyd, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, Rev. Wayne Smith, Bro. Cline Messer.

VISITING MINISTERS WELCOMED

Rev. M. L. Johnson, Mount Olive, N. C.; Rev. James Smith, Swannanoa, N. C.; Rev. J. O. Fort, Ayden, N. C.; N. B. Barrow, Lucama, N. C.; Rev. S. A. Smith, Middlesex, N. C.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Canton: Mr. W. L. Kell, Mrs. Hoyle Harkins, Mrs. John Wells, Mrs. L. J. Ward and Mrs. John Harrell.

Caroleen: Mrs. Clyde Coxe and Mrs. Rose Amos.

Cedar Hill: Mrs. W. L. Kell, Rev. Benny Tuner and Mrs. Richard Lunsford.

Horney Heights: Mrs. Bynum Lance, Mrs. Flora Morgan, Mrs. Catherine Boulden and Mr. Bynum Lance.

Marion: Miss Joan Cheek, Mrs. Roger Floyd, Mrs. Jean Jenkins and Mrs. Carl Radford.

Mt. Calvary: Mrs. J. D. McCormick, Mrs. Bornnie Rector and Mrs. Bessie McCoyle.

Old Fort: Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Hinson and Viola Gouge.

Rocky Pass: Mrs. Kenneth Frisbee, Mrs. Eddie Gaddy and Ranz Lavender.

Salem: Mrs. Geater Davis, Mrs. Walter Jenkins and Mrs. Junior Clontz.

Swannanoa: Mrs. L. A. Pitman, Mrs. Paul Gragg, Mrs. Cline Messer, Mrs. Stella McMahan and Mrs. Nora Anglin.

Sulphur Springs: Mrs. Carl Milter, Mrs. W. L. Queen and Mrs. Hattie Faulkner.

Glen Alpine: Mrs. Helen Fox, Mrs. Rachel Rhodes and Mrs. Ruth Powell.

11:30 A. M. SERVICE

Opening song, "Jesus Saves," led by Rev. Clyde Coxe. Message by Rev. Oliver Stokes; subject, "Missions, the Heart-Throb of God." Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Wayne Smith.

1:30 P. M. SERVICE

Congregational song, "Send the Light." Devotions by Rev. Coxe; Scripture, Matthew 24:14 and Mark 16:15. Song by Rev. Coxe, "The Regions Beyond."

Committee reports given and accepted.

A brief talk by Rev. N. B. Barrow was heard at this time.

After discussing the young people's work in the church, it was voted that each church give a report on young people's work to be placed in the minutes. Discussions were made concerning the election of a field superintendent. Voted to wait until the Union Meeting to elect the field superintendent. A new clerk elected, Mrs. Bynum Lance.

Reports on various enterprises were given by the following: Rev. M. L. Johnson, Mount Olive College; Rev. S. A. Smith, Children's Home; Rev. Jackson, Home Missions; Rev. J. O. Fort, Free Will Baptist Press. Each of these speakers gave wonderful talks that encouraged all churches to back each of these enterprises.

Moved to adjourn until Friday morning at 10:00 a. m.

THURSDAY EVENING

Opening prayer and remarks by Rev. Wayne Smith. Special music by the Cedar Hill Choir. Message, "The Great Commission," by Rev. W. L. Kell. Dismissed in prayer.

FRIDAY 10:00 A. M.

Congregational song, "Standing on the Promises," led by Rev. Clyde Coxe. Devotions by Rev. John Floyd. Scripture taken from Isaiah 6:1-5; subject, "The Fields Are Ripe Unto Harvest."

FRIDAY 10:30 A. M.

Entered into business session. Report of treasurer given and accepted. Remarks by Rev. Hollifield about the National Association. Discussion on

the one per cent all churches are to send in. All churches were encouraged to send in the one per cent. Suggested that all churches be put on the budget plan. Other reports of the committees were given and accepted.

Adjournment for five minutes.

FRIDAY 11:00 A. M.

Congregational song, "Revive Us Again," led by Rev. Coxe. Message by Rev. James Smith; subject, "The Central Theme of the Church." Scripture Hebrews 1:3-8. Dismissed in prayer.

FRIDAY 1:30 P. M.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Hollifield. Devotions were given by Rev. Ralph Mumpower. Subject of the Devotions was "The Field Is the World."

A move made and carried that the report "Lord's Day Observance" be changed to "Sabbath Day Observance."

Voted to accept last year's report on temperance for this year's minutes.

Comments on the Woman's Auxiliary were given by Mrs. Bynum Lance. Comments and a report on "Youth for Christ" was given and accepted.

At this time a talk was given by Rev. Mooneyham, concerning the National Association meeting in Asheville.

A move was made and carried that the Blue Ridge Association recommend to the State Association that the State Convention sponsor the National Association. Mrs. Bynum Lance was elected delegate to attend the State Convention.

Free Will Baptist Church in New Jersey taken under the watch care of the association for one year.

After a discussion on electing a field superintendent, it was voted to wait until the union meeting to elect a field superintendent.

A motion was made and carried that the Union Meetings be quarterly.

A motion made and carried that the minutes be printed at The Free Will Baptist Printing Press.

A move made that the association give $15.00 to Cragmont for the use of the buildings. Move carried.

A report by Rev. Wayne Smith was heard at this time about the Missionary Conference at the Swannanoa Church. All churches were invited to attend the next conference. Moved to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Hollifield.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Last Year	$249.99
Received This Year	483.92
Total	$733.91

Paid Out:		
Minutes	$155.00	
Clerk	50.00	
Gift to Cragmont	15.00	
Expense to State Convention	22.00	
Name Tags, Ice and Cups	10.00	
Postage, Calls and Receipt Books	5.00	
Total Paid Out		257.00
Balance in Treasury		$476.91

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, the committee, recommend that each church have a graded Sunday school as far as it is possible. We also recommend that each church urge their Sunday school pupils to carry their Bible to church every Sunday.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

Missions, home or foreign, is the greatest phase of church work. Christ Himself was a missionary. Should we not strive to live in His likeness? Financial support is a must in spreading the gospel. A certain per cent of the churches income should be designated for the use of foreign and home missions.

Those who can't give money can certainly give their support by praying and writing our missionaries encouraging letters. Each church should have a person or group to correspond with our missionaries. We would then know of their needs and specifically what to pray for. When we talk to our Lord we should name what our needs are. Mission programs should be presented in our churches frequently. This would promote interest among the people. We shouldn't sit at home and rock and enjoy all our blessings selfishly while others are dying without ever hearing the blessed Word and hearing how Christ died for them. Jesus commanded us to go into all the world and preach the gospel. He also said in Matthew 9:37, "The harvest truly is plentious but the labourers are few." Let's be laborers for Christ and help spread the gospel into all the world.

Mrs. Roger Floyd

EDUCATION

We, your committee, feel that with educational standards as high as they are today, there is a greater need for Christian education than ever before. We believe if Christ is put first in education it can be used for His glory. Christian education renders us Christian music, a study of the Bible, a study of the apostolic church, and leads us to a deeper devotional life. Apos-

tle Paul tells us in 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." The person who is ignorant of God's Word is the person who is deceived. We make the following recommendations:

First, that our children should be educated in the Word of God.

Second, that our young people be urged to attend our denominational colleges. (I fully recommend the Free Will Baptist Bible College as having attended there for three years.)

Third, that we take advantage of the Christian education opportunity we now have at Cragmont.

Fourth and last, that we continue to support our Christian educational enterprises to the best of our ability.

SUPERANNUATION

We, your committee, feel that every church in our association should contribute, consistently to the State and National Superannuation programs for Free Will Baptists. There are many aged ministers who cannot support themselves properly on the money now being received from the Superannuation Board. It is the duty of every individual, as Free Will Baptists, to see that all ministers of our denomination, who are unable to earn the necessities of life either from old age or disability, be taken care of the best of our ability. The same care should be given their surviving widows. We recommend that larger and consistent contributions be sent to the Superannuation Board for this purpose.

Elmer Keener
Bynum Lance

SABBATH DAY OBSERVANCE

The Lord has commanded that we remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. A great many church members are breaking this commandment by using the Sabbath as a day for sport and pleasure, thereby neglecting the Sunday school and church services. We urge parents to teach their children the importance of Sabbath observance, restraining them from engaging in games of sport on that day. We also urge our pastors to stress the importance of keeping this command.

Rev. John Floyd
Ernest Strickland

DEEPER DEVOTION

Your committee feels that the American people should awake out of their sleep and call upon Christ for help in this hour. It is time that there should be a spiritual awakening in our churches and homes. Believing that the altars in homes have been torn down and replaced with television thus inviting God's spirit to take its flight. Believing that where people once knelt to pray they now sit and lust after the world (James 1:15). Psalm

101:3, believing that worldliness and modernism leads to destruction. More time should be devoted to combating sin. Satan has struck people that have been staggered by the cares of this world. Finally believing prayer changes things and men should pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). May we all devote more time this coming year to the gospel and in this fight against sin.

Rev. James Vaughn

LEAGUE

We, your committee on league, urge all our churches that have an organized league to make a special effort to enlist all youth and adults into their league, and should promote the league through their Sunday school classes. We further recommend that all churches organize and maintain a league for all ages. Too, that all leagues plan some project, such as adopting one of our children from the Children's Home to clothe them, or help to support one of our missionaries, or support one of our colleges, or any one of our enterprises. We, your committee, feel that the success of our leagues are dependent upon consecrated leaders and tireless promotion on the part, of all the Sunday school teachers and church officials and especially the pastor. We further recommend that each church give one Sunday night per quarter, or more often if necessary, to the leaguers to put on their programs. Of course this would be left to the discretion of the pastor and church.

Rev. Wayne W. Smith

ORPHANAGE

We, your committee, recommend that the association follow the suggestions of the former orphanage committee. We also recommend that each church in this association adopt a child from the orphanage to clothe, and that the child be allowed to visit the church once a year. We recommend that each church contribute as much as possible to this worthy cause so that the orphanage might be able to take care of the children that we now have in the home. We recommend that each church raise $1.50 per active member per year, which would be sufficient to operate the home. We suggest that each member of the association stand by the orphanage with their prayer and offerings.

Mrs. Fred Chandler
Mrs. Hoyle Harkins

PASTOR'S SUPPORT

We, your committee, urge the churches to furnish sufficient support of their pastor in order that he may do full-time work for Christ. Jeremiah 3:15, "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." We believe that every church member should be a regular tither so the support of the church and the work of Christ will not be hindered. We feel that the churches should provide the means for their pastor to attend all important local, state and national

conventions. We strongly recommend that every church member support their pastor and church with their presence, prayers, in visiting the unsaved and sick. We also believe that the pastors should always bear in mind their charge and responsibility to Christ and the church. Jeremiah 17:16, "As for me I have not hastened from being a pastor to follow thee: neither have I desired the woeful day; thou knowest; that which came of my lips was right before thee."

Mrs. Catherine Boulder
Bynum Lance

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee, recommend that we as Free Will Baptists take a greater stand on temperance; that our preachers speak out against the evil of intoxicating beverages. We also recommend that parents instruct their children as the evils of strong drink, immodest dress. We feel the reason for so much juvenile delinquency today is because parents have failed to teach their children the ways of the Lord. We feel that if all our people will be temperate in all things, dress in modest apparel and abstain from intoxicating beverages or anything that would bring reproach to the cause of Christ, we would have better churches, better communities to live in, and will have accomplished something for the glory of God.

Rev. Ernest Strickland
Mrs. Edith Stamey

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

We, your committee, realize that the fields are white already unto harvest, and laborers are few, so let's work more and pray more, for there is so much that needs to be done, and we are doing so little. Let me urge the women of the Blue Ridge Association that we "Go set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth." Indeed it is quite a sad picture that the Son of God looks down upon this sinful world for which he suffered and died, and yet we let little things stop us. We are failing to enlist for Christ those dear ones who feel that they haven't a friend in this world; they are unloved, unwanted, and on their way to a devil's hell because we have failed to go quickly, and my prayer is that we, as the woman's auxiliary, as laborers together with God, be busily engaged in ministering to the unloved, unwanted ones and starting them out on a new life for Christ. That we will continue to reach higher levels in spiritual strength that we may declare His glory more and more each day.

Mrs. Carl Radford

MASTER'S MEN

Relatively, there are not many Master's Men organizations in our churches as Ladies' Auxiliaries, but this only increases the pastor's responsibility for the men. Are the men of your church being effectively enlisted and utilized? What service should be rendered by the men of our churches? (1)

Supply information concerning missions, the denominational work and the entire church program. (2) Enlist the men of the church into church work. (3) Utilize the men into a soul-winning program. (4) Develop and teach them in stewardship, deepening of church loyalty, broadening of Christian fellowship, helping men to solve their problems. (5) Organize the boys of the church and work with them. (6) The Master's Men above all else, should be a visitation staff, visiting the sick, the indifferent and cold, those having spiritual problems and otherwise. So, we your committee, urge all pastors to organize their men and work with them to the end, that we may better do the job of the Great Commission for the Master.

Rev. Wayne W. Smith
Rev. Clyde Coxe

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WILLING WORKER'S BAND OF OLD FORT

Our first meeting was held on March 31, 1958, and we elected our officers. Our officers are as follows: President, Verna MacRal; vice-president, Billy Dean Stockton; secretary, Shula Padgett; treasurer, Vina Eller.

We have 21 members. We decided to call our organization "The Willing Worker's Band." For our projects we have sold some of the following: Aprons, candy, pencils (which had the name of our church on them) and we also sold what-nots. We pledged to pay dues $.25 per meeting. The total of our treasury is over $100.00. Our young people enjoy it very much and we feel sure that it would bless all young people to sacrifice their efforts to do something profitable for their God.

MARION YOUTH FOR CHRIST

The Marion youth for Christ is composed of all denominations working together. No age limit is set. Everybody comes who desires to. We have a Bible quiz composed of five persons who answer questions on the Bible. Our visitation committee meets each Saturday morning from 10:00 until 12:00. We visit people in the community and try to get them in church. We have special speakers from Bob Jones University from time to time. Billy Kim, with others from Bob Jones University, came into the high schools and stirred interest, so the first Youth for Christ Rally was held in the junior high school, where approximately 32 decisions for Christ were made.

Miss Joan Ellen Cheek

CAROLEEN YOUNG PEOPLE'S AUXILIARY

Number Enrolled, 17	
Average Attendance, 12	
Money Taken In	$30.00
Money Paid Out	27.25
Balance	$ 2.75

President, Sharlan Pace; Secretary and Treasurer, Faye Buckner; youth chairmen: Mrs. Clyde Coxe and Rose Amos.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

CANTON: President, Mrs. W. B. Norris, Canton, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Pearl Swanger, Canton, N. C.; No. of members, 20; gained this year, 2; meets every two weeks; Money taken in, $710.66; money paid out, $552.50.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: President, Mrs. L. D. Gray; secretary, Mrs. Ed Coleman, Route 2, Candler, N. C.; No. of members, 10; gained this year, 0; meets every two weeks; money taken in, $414.92; money paid out $463.86.

MARION: President, Mrs. J. E. Floyd, Marion, Box 999; secretary, Mrs. Beulah Brooks, 356 Branch Street, Clinchfield, Marion, N. C.; No. of members, 41; gained this year, 9; meets every week; money taken in, $431.82; money paid out, $416.14.

OLD FORT: President, Mrs. Stockton, Marion, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Glen Dole, Old Fort, N. C.; meets every two weeks; money taken in, $449.63; money paid out, $400.00.

ROCKY PASS: President, Mrs. Gene Smith; secretary, Mrs. Kenneth Frisbee; money taken in, $291.72; money paid out, $281.22.

SALEM: President, Mrs. Gertrude Noblitt, Old Fort, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Walter Jenkins, Old Fort, N. C.; No. of members, 15; gained this year, 1; meets every month; money taken in, $67.39; money paid out, $33.30.

SWANNANOA: President, Mrs. Lewis Metcalf, Swannanoa, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Perry Buckner, Swannanoa, N. C.; No. of members, 31; gained this year, 1; meets every two weeks; money taken in, $376.30; money paid out, $370.25.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: President, Mrs. Hester Hampton, Waynesville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Paul Massie, Waynesville, N. C.; No. of members, 8; meets every month; money taken in, $368.50; money paid out, $368.50.

CEDAR HILL: President, Mrs. P. W. Wilson, 263 Johnston School Road, Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Robert Quinn, West Asheville, N. C.; No. of members, 31; gained this year, 10; money taken in, $1,000.85; money paid out, $1,000.33.

CAROLEEN: President, Mary Cox, Box 193, Caroleen, N. C.; secretary, Rose Amos, Box 33, Caroleen, N. C.; No. of members, 19; gained this year, 3; money taken in, $286.18; money paid out, $247.48.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

CANTON: President, Bruce Seeley, Canton, N. C.; secretary, Jonell Thompson, Canton, N. C.; No. of members, 75; No. of groups, 3; meets every week; literature used, Free Will Baptist; leader, Mrs. Lawrence Fowler, Canton, N. C.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: President, Mrs. Nora Turner, Middlemont Avenue, West Asheville; secretary, Mrs. William Phipps, Route 2, Candler, N. C.; No. of members, 28; No. of groups, 2; meets every week; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; leader, Mrs. L. D. Gray.

MARION: President, Paul Finley, Nebo, N. C.; secretary, Shirley Taylor, Marion, N. C.; No. of members, 75; No. of groups, 5; meets every week; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; leader, Mrs. Carl Radford, Marion, N. C.

ROCKY PASS: President, David Holland, Marion, N. C.; secretary, Jeanette Hall; No. of members, 50; No. of groups, 3; meets every week; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist.

SWANNANOA: President, Ray Nichols, Swannanoa, N. C.; secretary, Firba Ray, Swannanoa, N. C.; No. of members, 72; No. of groups, 4; meets every Sunday; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; Leader, Mrs. James Hall, Swannanoa, N. C.

CEDAR HILL: President, Mrs. Agnes Wright, West Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Brenda Kell, 234 Johnston Boulevard, West Asheville, N. C.; No. of members, 40; No. of groups, 1; meets every week; kind of literature used, Bible; league has sent $25.00 to missions.

CAROLEEN: President, John Childers, Caroleen, N. C.; secretary, Katie Henson, Caroleen, N. C.; No. of members, 35; No. of groups, 3; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CANTON: Superintendent, Elmer Keener, Canton, N. C.; secretary; Juanita Roper, Canton, N. C.; No. of classes, 15; No. of pupils, 250; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, $230.00; amount sent to orphanage, $100.00.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Superintendent, Mr. Wayne Crowe, W. Asheville; secretary, Mrs. Flora Morgan, Box 6131, W. Asheville, N. C.; No. of classes, 7; No. of pupils, 98; Kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, $421.32.

MARION: Superintendent, Loyd Scott, Marion, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Paul Finley, Nebo, N. C., Route 1; No. of classes, 11; No. of pupils, 225; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist.

OLD FORT: Superintendent, Joe Eller, Old Fort, N. C.; secretary, Eva McRae; No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 125; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, $34.42; amount sent to orphanage, $30.00.

ROCKY PASS: Superintendent, Ranz Lavender, Route 3, Marion, N. C.; No. of classes, 7; No. of pupils, 180; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expense, $250.00.

SALEM: Superintendent, Herbert Jenkins, Route 1, Old Fort, N. C.; secretary, Rosetta Smith, Old Fort, N. C.; No. of classes, 6; No. of pupils, 114; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expense, $460.00.

SWANNANOA: Superintendent, Ray Nichols, Swannanoa, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Betty Summy, Black Mountain, N. C.; No. of classes, 17; No. of pupils, 358; Kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, $2,000.00; amount sent to orphanage, $258.88.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Superintendent, Lum Boone, Waynesville, N. C.; secretary, Irene Hicks, Waynesville, N. C.; No. of classes, 4; No. of pupils, 50; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, $233.78.

CEDAR HILL: Superintendent, Weaver Cook, Route 4, West Asheville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Lorine Cook, Route 4, W. Asheville, N. C.; No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 135; Kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, $118.50; amount sent to orphanage, $130.50.

GLEN ALPINE: Superintendent, Eugene Powell, Route 2, Box 286, Morganton, N. C.; secretary not listed; No. of classes, 2; No. of pupils, 30; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist.; amount sent to orphanage, $25.00.

MT. CALVARY: Superintendent, Floyd Johnson, Marion, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Ruth Johnson, Marion, N. C.; No. of classes, 3; No. of pupils, 62; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, $33.43; amount sent to orphanage, $30.00.

CAROLEEN: Superintendent, Colon Phillips, Box 445, Caroleen, N. C.; No. of classes, 11; No. of pupils, 168; kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist; expenses, $136.00; amount sent to orphanage, $15.00.

CHURCH REPORTS

CANTON: No. of members received, 23; by experience and baptism, 18; by letter and statement, 5; by restoration, 0; No. of members lost, 2; by letter, 1; total increase, 21; last year's membership, 307; present membership, 328; Sunday we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 3; held by Rev. Homer Willis, Nashville, Tenn,. and Rev. Billy Kim, Greenville, S. C.; we also have a one week fellowship revival with six different speakers; pastor, Milton A. Hollifield, Box 1045, Canton, N. C.; clerk, Billy Erwin, Canton, N. C., c/o L. J. Ward; pastor for next year, Milton A. Hollifield, Canton, N. C.; clerk for next year Billy Erwin, Canton, N. C.; pastor's salary, $5,720.00; revivals, $567.17; church property improvements, $89.54; state convention fee, $2.00; local charity, $242.00; other purposes, $520.00; association expense fund, $104.41; superannuation, $25.00; missions, $436.48; orphanage, $255.-00; Christian Education, $198.38; Cragmont, $10.00; value of church property, $65,000.00; value of parsonage, $8,000.00; value of all other property, $1,000.00.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: No. of members received, 3; by letter and statement, 3; No. of members lost, 3; by letter, 3; last year's membership, 150; present membership, 150; Sunday we have preaching, twice every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by, Rev. Johnny Floyd and Rev. Billy Kim; pastor, Rev. L. D. Gray, W. Asheville; clerk, Mrs. Nancy Randall, Route 3, Box 813, W. Asheville; pastor for next year, Rev. L. D. Gray, W. Asheville; clerk for next year, Mrs. Nancy Randall, Route 3, Box 813, W. Asheville; pastor's salary, $2,624.90; revivals, $178.52; church property improvement, $711.48; state

convention fee, $20.00; local charity, $145.50; other purposes, $115.89; association expense fund, $6.00; sperannation, $2.00; foreign missions, $65.88; orphanage, $24.08; Christian education, $21.43; Cragmont, $5.00; value of church property, $31,000; value of parsonage, $8,500.

MARION: No. of members received, 19; by experience and baptism, 7; by letter and statement, 11; total increase, 19; last year's membership, 233; present membership, 253; Sunday we have preaching, morning and night; No. of revivals, 3; held by Rev. Roy Rickard, Cramerton, N. C.; Rev. Raymond Riggs and Rev. Ronald Creech; pastor, Rev. J. E. Floyd, Marion, N. C., Box 999; clerk, Troy Ledford, Morgan Terrace, Marion, N. C.; pastor for next year, Rev. J. E. Floyd (till October 19, 1959); clerk for next year, Troy Ledford, Morgan Terrace, Marion, N. C.; pastor's salary, $4,680.00; revivals, $345.00; church property improvements, $56.00; state convention fee, $5.00; local charity, $219.58; other purposes, $4,415.56; association expense fund, $24.00; superannuation, 0; foreign missions, $978.57; orphanage, $24.36; value of church property, $70,000; value of parsonage, $10,000.

OLD FORT: No. of members received, 19; by experience and baptism, 5; by letter and statement, 5; last year's membership, 104; present membership, 123; Sunday we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; Rev. Grady Harris; pastor, Rev. R. C. Stockton, Marion, N. C., Box 213, Route 3; clerk, Mrs. Irene Chrisawn, Old Fort, N. C.; pastor for next year, Rev. Stockton, Box 213, Route 3, Marion, N. C.; clerk for next year, Mrs. Irene Chrisawn, Old Fort, N. C.; pastor's salary, $1,717.60; property improvements, $5,000; local charity, $170.22; other purposes, $83.25; association expense fund, $5.00; orphanage, $36.46; value of church property, $25,000.

CAROLEEN: No. of members received, 10; by experience and baptism, 9; by restoration, 1; No. of members lost, 4; by letter, 1; by death, 3; total increase, 6; last year's membership, 164; present membership, 170; Sunday we have preaching, every Sunday morning and evening; No. of revivals, 1; held by, Rev. Edwards; pastor, Rev. Clyde W. Coxe, Box 193, Caroleen, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Paul Deese, Box 87, Caroleen, N. C.; pastor for next year, Rev. Clyde W. Coxe; clerk for next year, Mrs. Paul Deese; pastor's salary, $3,380.00; revivals, $75.00; church property improvements, $1,484.46; state convention fee, $5.00; expense fund, $9.00; superannuation, 0; foreign missions, $17.84; orphanage, $15.00; Christian education, $47.00; value of church property, $57,000.00; value of parsonage, $7,000.00.

ROCKY PASS: No. of members received, 19; by experience and baptism, 12; by letter and statement, 7; No. of members lost, 5; by letter, 4; by death, 1; total increase, 14; last year's membership, 157; present membership, 171; Sunday we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Frank Thompson and Rev. John Cancelor; pastor, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, Route 1, Marion, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Gene Holland, Route 1, Marion, N. C.; pastor's salary, $3,640.00; revivals, $350.00; church property improvements, $1,200.00; local charity, $696.51; other purposes, $3,526.79; association expense fund, $65.21; superannuation, $60.00; foreign missions, $220.00; home

mission, $110.00; orphanage, $32.00; value of church property, $31,000.00; value of all other church property, $4,300.00.

SALEM: No. of members received, 5; by experience and baptism, 1; by letter and statement, 4; by No. of members lost, 1; by letter, 1; total increase, 4; last year's membership, 51; present membership, 55; Sunday we have preaching, twice each Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. Carl Roland; pastor for next year, Rev. Horace Pool, Route 1, Nebo, N. C.; clerk for next year, Mrs. Herbert Jenkins, Route 1, Box 87, Old Fort, N. C.; pastor's salary, $995.70; revivals, $50.00; property improvements, $308.40; local charity, $117.28; other purposes, $40.85; association expense fund, $17.25; orphanage, $3.00; value of church property, $6,100.00.

SWANNANOA: No. of members received, 63; by experience and baptism, 41; by letter, 22; No. of members lost 17; by letter, 1; by expulsion and erasure, 6; last year's membership, 395; present membership, 451; Sundays we have preaching, twice every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Luther Gibson, Tupelo, Miss., and Rev. Harold Pitts, Winfield, Alabama; pastor, Rev. Wayne Smith, Swannanoa, N. C., clerk, Mrs. Frances Foster, Black Mountain, Route 1; pastor for next year, Rev. Wayne Smith, Swannanoa, N. C.; clerk for next year, Mrs. Frances Foster, Black Mountain, N. C.; pastor's salary, $4,420.00, revivals, $464.00; church property improvements, $21,609.93; state convention fee, $10.00; local charity, $244.62; other purposes, $12,870.00; association expense fund, $179.81; superannuation, $378.-00; foreign missions, $1,235.95; orphanage, $201.69; Christian education, $635.26; Church Finance Association, Inc., $40.33; Cragmont, $160.31; value of church property, $77,500.00; value of parsonage $10,675.00; valuc of all other property, $5,475.00.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: No. of members received, 14; by experience and baptism, 1; by letter and statement, 13; No. of members lost, 1; by expulsion and erasure, 1; total increase, 14; last year's membership, 44; present membership, 57; Sunday we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Martin Cable, W. L. Queen and Rev. Shelly Beaver; pastor, Rev. W. L. Queen, Hazelwood, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. W. L. Queen, Hazelwood, N. C.; pastor for next year, Rev. W. L. Queen; clerk for next year, Miss Betty Boone, Waynesville, North Carolina; pastor's salary, $406.90; revivals, $136.00; church property improvements, $430.79; local charity, $18.00; other purposes, $95.00; association expense fund, $8.00; superannuation, $8.00; foreign missions, 0; orphanage, $11.00; Church Finance Association, Inc., $8.00; value of church property, $10,000.00.

CEDAR HILL: No. of members received, 8; by experience and baptism, 6; by letter and statement, 2; No. of members lost, 5; by letter, 3; by death, 2; total increase, 3; last year's membership, 171; present membership, 174; Sunday we have preaching, twice every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. John Cansler and Rev. Billie Kim; pastor, Rev. W. L. Kell Jr., 234 Johnston Boulevard, W. Asheville; clerk, Mrs. M. B. King, 405 Deaver View Road., W. Asheville; pastor for next year, Rev.

W. L. Kell Jr., 234 Johnston Boulevard, W. Asheville; clerk for next year, Mrs. W. B. King, 405 Deaver View Road, W. Asheville; pastor's salary, $3,380.00; revivals, $214.03; church property improvements, $6,000.00; local charity, $59.16; other purposes, $489.85; association expense fund, $42.27; foreign missions, $43.83; orphanage, $130.00; Christian education, $125.94; value of church property, $13,000.00; value of parsonage, $3,000.00.

GLEN ALPINE: No. of members lost, 6; by expulsion and erasure, 6; total decrease, 6; last year's membership, 36; present membership, 30; Sunday we have preaching, every Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. J. E. Floyd; pastor, Rev. Leroy Grant, Clinchfield St., Marion, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Essie Epley, Box 562, Marion, N. C.; clerk for next year, Mrs. Essie Epley; pastor for next year, Rev. Homer Arrowood, Box 561, Marion; pastor's salary, $654.65; revivals, $26.75; local charity, $27.00; other purposes, $12.00; orphanage, $25.00; value of church property, $4500.00.

MT. CALVARY: No. of members received, 7; by experience and baptism, 5; by letter and statement, 2; members lost, 4; by request, 4; by death, 1; total increase, 2; last year's membership, 55; present membership, 62; we have preaching every Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. Jimmy Vaughn; pastor, Rev. J. D. McCormick, Marion, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. G. M. Cook, Route 2, Box 298-A, Marion; pastor for next year, Rev. J. D. McCormick; clerk for next year, Mrs. G. M. Cook; pastor's salary, $598.64; revivals, $44.00; church improvements, $200.00; local charity $21.40; value of church property, $3,000.00; value of all other property, $800.00.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

The fifth annual session of the Blue Ridge Ministers' Conference met at Cragmont, July 31, 1958. Opened with prayer by Rev. Kenneth Frisbee. Devotions were by Rev. Bennie Turner, Scripture lesson taken from St. John 12:24; Galatians 2:20. Minutes were read and accepted by body from last conference.

It was moved and seconded to enter into business conference. It was moved and seconded to have our Ministers' Conference quarterly: November 1, February 1, May 3 and August 1, Saturday before the first Sunday each quarter. It was moved and seconded to appoint Rev. Wayne Smith and Rev. Kenneth Frisbee and rewrite bylaws for investigating committee and bring them before the body before we adjourn.

Rewriting of bylaws which was later approved by body as follows:

"At each annual meeting there shall be elected an investigating committee of three, whose duty shall be to investigate the character of applicants in the community, in which they live, and any other investigation they may be called on to make. That the committee be paid six cents per mile for miles traveled in making investigations."

ORDAINING COUNCIL

It was moved and seconded to elect Rev. L. D. Gray, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee and Rev. Wayne Smith as ordaining council.

It was moved and seconded to have our ordaining services at quarterly meetings.

It was moved and seconded to give Rev. Vaughn a good letter at his request to the French Broad Association.

It was moved and seconded to accept the rewritten bylaws written for the investigating committee. Written by Rev. Wayne Smith and Rev. Kenneth Frisbee.

Ordaining council was excused to transact its business.

Ordaining council reports: Investigated Rev. James L. Smith and recommended him to come under watch care till next quarterly meeting. It was approved by the body.

Rev. Kenneth Frisbee invited all to join him and his church in a youth rally September 20, 1958.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Adjourned with altar prayer.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

On Hand	$28.50
Income	17.00
Paid Out	None
Total Now on Hand	$45.50

There were fifteen ministers filed their annual reports for 1957 to 1958.

MINISTERS' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 1957-1958

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of conversions, 18; No. of sermons preached, 102; No. of members received, 3; No. of funerals, 7.

Received for Pastoral Service	$2,624.90
Received for All Other Services	25.00
Total	$2,649.90
Given Personally for the Cause	$312.40

Do You Tithe? Yes

Minister: L. D. Gray

Address: 9 LaRue Street, West Asheville, North Carolina

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals, none; No. of conversions, 24; No. of sermons preached, 72; No. of funerals, 1.

Received for Pastoral Service	$654.65
Total	$654.65
Given Personally to the Cause	$520.00

Do You Tithe? Yes.

Minister: Rev. Leroy Grant

Address: Route 1, Box 293, Jackson Road, Marion, North Carolina.

No. of churches pastored, 0; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of decisions, 18; No. of sermons preached, 39; No. baptized, 2.

Received for Revival Service	$25.00
Received for All Other Services	10.00
Total	$35.00
Given Personally to the Cause	$30.00

Do You Tithe? Yes

Minister: Rev. Benny Turner

Address: 32 Cub Road, West Asheville, North Carolina

No. of churches pastored, 2; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 15; No. of sermons preached, 115; No. of funerals 1.

Received for Pastoral Service	$1,030.70
Total	$1,030.70
Given Personally to the Cause	$338.32

Do You Tithe? Yes

Minister: Homer E. Arrowood

Address: P. O. Box 561, Marion, North Carolina

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 4; No. of conversions, 97; No. of sermons preached, 175; No. of members received, 8; No. baptized, 9; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 4.

Received for Pastoral Service	$3,380.00
Received for Revival Service	573.00
Received for All Other Services	60.00
Total	$4,013.00
Given Personally to the Cause	$450.00

Do You Tithe? Yes

Minister: W. L. Kell

Address: 234 Johnston Boulevard, West Asheville, North Carolina

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 5; No. of conversions, 32; No. of sermons preached, 140; No. of members received, 10; No. baptized, 5; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 6.

Received for Pastoral Service	$3,380.00
Received for Revival Service	356.65
Total	$3,736.65

Given Personally for the Cause, Tithe

Do you Tithe? Yes

Minister: Clyde W. Coxe

Address: Box 193, Caroleen, North Carolina.

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 7; No. of conversions, 133; No. of sermons preached, 170; No. of members received, 19; No. baptized, 13; No. of marriages, 1; No. of funerals, 5.

Received for Pastoral Service	$4,390.00
Received for Revival Service	500.00
Total	$4,390.00
Given Personally to the Cause	$500.00

Do you Tithe? Yes

Minister: Rev. Kenneth Frisbee

Address: Route 1, Box 304, Marion, North Carolina

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 6; No. of conversions, 95; No. of sermons preached, 215; No. of members received, 23; No. baptized, 21; No. of funerals, 6.

Received for Pastoral Service	$5,720.00
Received for Revival Service, Unknown	
Received for All Other Services, Unknown	
Given Personally to the Cause	Tithe

Do you Tithe? Yes

Minister: Rev. Milton A. Hollifield

Address: Box 1045, Canton, North Carolina

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 12; No. of sermons preached, 36; No. of members received, 14; No. baptized, 1; No. of funerals, 2.

Received for Pastoral Service	$406.90
Received for All Other Services	10.00
Total	$416.90
Given Personally to the Cause	Tithe

Do you Tithe? Yes

Minister: Rev. W. L. Queen

Address: Box 385, Hazelwood, North Carolina

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 7; No. of conversions, 160; No. of sermons preached, 190; No. of members received, 63; No. baptized, 41; No. of marriages, 5; No. of funerals, 8.

Received for Pastoral Service	$4,420.00
Received for Revival Service	735.00
Total	$5,015.50
Given Personally for the Cause	$517.00

Do you Tithe? Yes

Minister: Wayne W. Smith

Address: P. O. Box 281, Swannanoa, North Carolina

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 30; No. of sermons preached, 115; No. of members received, 7; No. baptized, 12; No. of marriages, 1, No. of funerals, 1.

Received for Pastoral Service	$589.64
Received for Revival Service	50.00
Total	$639.64
Given Personally for the Cause	$175.00

Minister: Rev. J. D. McCormick

Address: Marion, North Carolina

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 7; No. of conversions, 510; No. of sermons preached, 252; No. of members received, 61; No. baptized, 61; No. of marriages, 4; No. of funerals, 6.

Received for Pastoral Service	$4,680.00
Received for Revival Service	870.00
Received for All Other Services	85.00
Total	$5,635.00
Given Personally to the Cause	$1,200.00

Do you Tithe? Yes

Minister: Rev. J. E. Floyd

Address: Box 999, Marion, North Carolina

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of conversions, unknown; No. of sermons preached, 56; No. of members received, 8; No. baptized, 4; No. of funerals, 2.

Received for Pastoral Service	$924.79
Given Personally to the Cause	$413.50

Do you Tithe? Yes

Minister: Rev. James C. Coffey

Address: Box 91, Caroleen, North Carolina

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 4; No. of conversions, 122; No. of sermons preached, 48; No. of members received, 11; No. baptized, 7; No. of marriages, 2; No. of funerals, 4.

Received for Pastoral Service	$1,000.50
Received for Revival Service	148.00
Received for All Other Services	22.00
Total	$1,170.50
Given Personally to the Cause	$139.60

Do you Tithe? Yes

Minister: Rev. Carl Roland

Address: 521 Fifth Street, Clinchfield Station, Marion, North Carolina

No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of conversions, 23; No. of sermons preached, 107; No. of members received, 3; No. baptized, 3.

Received for Pastoral Service $1,386.75

Given Personally to the Cause $384.78.

Do you Tithe? Yes

Minister: Rev. Herman Pace

Address: 10 Lewis Street, Canton, North Carolina

Constitution, Ministers' Conference

1. This body shall be known as the Ministers' Conference of the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

2. This conference is formed under and by the authority of the Blue Ridge Association and shall be composed of its ordained and licensed ministers.

3. It shall have entire jurisdiction over the ministry in said association, issuing license, and prescribing qualifications for the ministry, conducting examinations and ordaining ministers, and at all times working for the most harmonius and effective ministry. Each licensed minister shall work under a license for a period of not less than one year; then he may be ordained if the ordaining council deems it necessary.

4. We deem it necessary for the protection of the gospel, not to accept anyone as a minister who has two living wives.

5. Each minister will be required to practice, preach and teach tithing as the means of church support.

6. Following the union meeting held on Saturday before each fifth Sunday, the Ministers' Conference will be held. Each minister will be required to attend and report on his work at each conference unless providentially hindered; then he shall report by letter.

7. The officers of this conference shall be a moderator and a secretary-treasurer, who shall be elected for a term of two years, and shall perform the duties usually performed by such officers. They shall enter upon the duties of said office at the close of the current session. The moderator may not succeed himself.

8. This conference shall have power to make such bylaws and other regulations as may be necessary for the performance of its duties.

9. This constitution may be amended at any regular annual meeting by a vote of two thirds.

Bylaws, Ministers' Conference

1. The regular meetings of this conference shall be held annually immediately following the association. The conference shall meet each fifth Sunday in connection with the union meeting.

2. Each member shall report at each annual and fifth Sunday meeting either in person or by letter.

3. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum at all regular or legally called meetings.

4. The moderator may call a special meeting of the conference at any time upon the request of three members.

5. At each annual meeting there shall be elected an ordaining council of three members whose duty shall be to examine candidates and grant license, conduct ordinations, etc., and report each annual meeting.

6. Licentitates shall pursue a definite course of study under the direction of the ordaining council.

7. At each annual meeting there shall be elected an investigating committee of three members, whose duty shall be to investigate applicants for membership, and license and other investigations they may be called on to make.

8. Necessary expenses of this organization shall be met by voluntary contributions or by assessment of its members.

9. No member shall serve as pastor of a church which does not enforce discipline, and care for their pastor, and contribute to the united program of our state, according to their ability, and strive to go forward in spiritual progress and the upbuilding of God's Kingdom.

10. No member shall meddle with the work of another or injure his reputation for usefulness, but watch over each other and thus promote harmony among the membership.

11. Each member, not excused of age or infirmities, is expected to do some work to advance the cause of Christ and make a full report at each annual meeting.

12. Membership in this body shall be proof of good standing in the ministry. A membership card shall be issued to each member at the annual meeting upon payment of $1.00. This fee to be placed in the conference treasury to pay necessary expenses, and for the promotion of the cause of Christ.

13. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote at any annual meeting.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in the solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scripture, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CONSTITUTION

of

THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION

of the

ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

NORTH CAROLINA

Article 1

This association shall be known as the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

Article 2

The objects of this association shall be: to promote unity, fraternity, fellowship and co-operation; and to encourage and engage in larger Christian enterprises that cannot be carried on by a single church. To combine and direct the energies of the Free Will Baptists within its bounds in one sacred effort to encourage and promote the general spread of the gospel; and the causes of the united program.

Article 3

1. This association shall be composed of all ordained and licensed ministers, and of delegates chosen and sent by each church in its bounds, who shall be duly recommended by the church to which they belong.

2. The following auxiliaries of each church are entitled to one delegate each: the Sunday school, the ladies auxiliary, and the Free Will Baptist league. No church shall be entitled to more than five (5) delegates.

3. Each church and its auxiliaries may represent by letter and a donation for the expenses of the association and the causes it fosters.

4. This association disclaims the right to exercise lordship over the churches, or to have any power which entitles it to infringe upon the internal affairs or rights of any of the churches composing it. Each church shall consider its internal affairs to be its own business; but it shall not disrespect the association and those who are placed in authority by the proper processes.

Article 4

An accused church has the same right as an individual in the church: to have specific charges presented in writing, a fair opportunity for defense, and to be considered innocent until proved guilty.

Article 5

This association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented by letter or delegates.

Article 6

Churches coming from another denomination will be carefully and satisfactorily examined as to doctrine before being received as members.

Article 7

1. The officers of this association shall be moderator and assistant moderator, clerk, treasurer, historian and field superintendent, who shall be elected for a term of two years, entering up their said duties of said offices at the close of the current session.

2. The moderator and assistant moderator shall not succeed themselves in election. However, the assistant moderator may be elected moderator.

3. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside over all the meetings of the association.

4. It shall be the duty of the assistant moderator to preside in the absence of the moderator.

5. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the association in a business-like manner, and to superintend the printing of the minutes, and the distribution of said minutes, and to give over all properties belonging to his or her office to his or her duly successor. The clerk shall be paid a fee for services—an amount fixed by the association. Minutes of the association shall be sent to all visiting Free Will Baptist ministers.

6. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all funds belonging to the association, and to disburse same as directed by the association. The treasurer shall be bonded for an amount sufficient to cover all money coming into their hands.

7. It shall be the duty of the historian to keep a record of such items of interest as may be useful in the future; to preserve the same in a book. He or she shall also keep a file of the minutes. He or she shall give over all materials and property to his or her successor in office.

8. It shall be the duty of the field superintendent to encourage the work in general in this association. He shall promote every phase of the program. He shall visit the churches, and in every way possible assist them in doing greater things for God's glory. He shall promote unity and fellowship among the ministers and their churches. He shall supply for any pastor who shall be providentially kept from his work. He shall be paid a salary agreed upon by the association. He shall receive an offering at all churches, the same to be turned over to the association to help maintain this work.

Article 8

At each annual session the moderator shall appoint such committees as the association may direct. It shall be the duty of these committees to report at the next annual meeting.

Article 9

The following directors shall be elected annually: Director for young

people's work: director for the woman's auxiliary work—who shall be responsible to do all the work they can to promote the work in these departments in each church in this association. They shall encourage co-operation with the state league and ladies' auxiliary organization.

Article 10

The executive board shall consist of the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, treasurer, historian, field superintendent, and three members elected from the floor. It shall be the duty of the executive board to have the supervision of the work of the association between sessions. The moderator and clerk, by virtue of their offices, shall be chairman and secretary, respectively, of the board. Five members of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum.

Article 11

It shall be the duty of the association to encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an all-sufficient Saviour, having made salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the gospel, which is freely offered to all.

Article 12

Any church seeking membership in this association shall furnish evidence that there is a deed on record made to the trustees of said Free Will Baptist church and their successors in office, and after a satisfactory examination as to their doctrine and fellowship and disposition toward the united program, may be received as members.

Article 13

We will have a union meeting on Saturday before each fifth Sunday, for the furtherance of every phase of the work of this association. This meeting shall be composed of all members and two delegates from each church.

Article 14

This association shall adopt the Treatise of the Faith and Government of the National Treatise of the Free Will Baptists.

Article 15

A church may become a member of this association by petition, or by letter, or by delegates, and by adopting the Treatise and Articles of Faith and Government, and the Constitution and Bylaws of this association.

Article 16

This association shall be governed by the rules laid down in Roberts' or Hastings' Rules of Order.

Article 17

This association shall meet annually on Thursday before the first Sunday in August.

Article 18

The minutes of each meeting of this association shall be printed, the Constitution and Bylaws of the association, and Constitution and Bylaws of the Ministers' Conference; also the Church Covenant.

Article 19

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting of the association.

BYLAWS

of the

BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION

of the

ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
OF NORTH CAROLINA

ARTICLE 1—A session of this association shall meet annually.

ARTICLE 2—This association shall be opened and closed with suitable devotions.

ARTICLE 3—There shall be no conversation by members, one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.

ARTICLE 4—Every person wishing to speak, shall first arise and address the moderator, and be recognized before speaking.

ARTICLE 5—No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

ARTICLE 6—Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

ARTICLE 7—No member shall speak on any one subject more than twice, except by permission of the moderator.

ARTICLE 8—Every motion made and seconded shall be acted upon unless withdrawn by the person who made it.

ARTICLE 9—A motion before the house must be acted upon before another motion can be made.

ARTICLE 10—On all motions acted upon, the majority vote shall prevail.

ARTICLE 11—The moderator shall have the privilege to speak on any subject as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

ARTICLE 12—We shall admit no other title while in session but that of Brother and Sister.

ARTICLE 13—No member shall absent himself from the body without permission of the moderator.

ARTICLE 14—Any person transgressing these bylaws shall be admonished by the moderator.

ARTICLE 15—No less than nine (9) members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 16—These bylaws may be amended at any regular annual meeting by two-thirds vote.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. GOD: We believe that there is only one true and living God who is personally the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus who gave Himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time. 1 Timothy 2:5.

2. THE HOLY SCRIPTURE: We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of His church. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and instruction in righteousness.

3. ORIGINAL APOSTASY: We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took the fruit thereof and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat" (Genesis 3:6).

FREE GRACE: We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessing, that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. "For there is no difference between Jews and Greeks: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him" (Romans 10:12).

5. CHRISTIAN FAITH: We believe that Christian faith is the belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture, that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth in him" (John 3:36).

6. REPENTANCE: We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin. "Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death" (2 Corinthians 7:9, 10).

7. FREE AGENCY: We believe that the human will is free and that men have ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures. "He that shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Micah 6:8).

8. PERSEVERANCE: We do not believe, under gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; that it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of their faith and turn again to sin and finally be lost. "And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62).

9. GOOD WORKS: We believe that good works are the results of faith and not necessity; that those who have faith will do works of righteousness while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable to God. "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matthew 7:19, 20).

10. CHRISTIAN BAPTISM: We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be Scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

11. THE LORD'S SUPPER: We believe the supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance, that it was instituted for Christians and that all Christians should unite in sacred services regardless of name or denomination. "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body" (1 Corinthians 11:28, 29).

12. FEET WASHING: We believe that washing the saint's feet was a command of our Saviour and that His followers ought to practice the same. We urge the pastors of all churches to encourage the practical obedience of this command, especially among the members of our churches. "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

13. THE GOSPEL: We believe it to be the duty of all churches to support the gospel. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:14).

CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of _____, at _____, N. C., send Christian salutation to The Blue Ridge Association and the following delegates represent us:

_____, _____

_____, _____

_____, _____

Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are:

_____, _____

_____, _____

Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are:

_____, _____

_____, _____

STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE

No. of members received, _____; by experience and baptism, _____; by letter and statement, _____; by restoration, _____; No. of members lost, _____; by letter, _____; by expulsion and erasure, _____; by death, _____; total increase, _____ or decrease, _____; last year's membership, _____; present membership, _____.

Sunday we have preaching: _____

No. of revivals, _____; held by:

_____

_____

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor _____

Address _____

Clerk _____

Address _____

Pastor for next year _____

Address _____

Clerk for next year _____

Address _____

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 19____, TO 19____

No. of churches pastored, _____; No. of revivals conducted, _____; No. of conversions, _____; No. of sermons preached, _____; No. of members received, _____; No. baptized, _____; No. of marriages, _____; No. of funerals, _____.

Received for Pastoral Service $_____

Received for Revival Service $_____

Received for All Other Services $_____

Total $_____

Given Personally to the Cause $_____

Do you Tithe?_____

Minister _____

Address _____

FINANCIAL REPORT

Pastor's salary, $_____; revivals, $_____; church property improvements, $_____; State Convention fee, $_____; local charity, $_____; other purposes, $_____; association expense fund, $_____.

UNITED PROGRAM

Superannuation, $_____; foreign missions, $_____; orphanage, $_____; Christian education, $_____; Church Finance Association, Inc., $_____; Cragmont, $_____.

CHURCH HOLDINGS

Value of church property, $_____; value of parsonage, $_____; value of all other property, $_____.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Superintendent _____; Address_____

Secretary _____; Address_____

No. of classes, _____; No. of pupils, _____; kind of literature used, _____; expenses, $_____; amount sent to orphanage, $_____.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

President _____; Address_____

Secretary _____; Address_____

No. of members, _____; gained this year, _____; meets every_____; money taken in, $_____; money paid out, $_____.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

President _____; Address_____

Secretary _____; Address_____

No. of members, _____; No. of groups, _____; meets every _____; Do you take a weekly offering?_____; kind of literature used, _____; do you have a junior league?_____;

Leader _____; Address_____

By order of the church in conference, this the _____ day of _____, 195___

_____, Moderator

_____, *Clerk*